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'Bank should refuse to give up Maduro gold'

The Bank of England should decline to release £1bn of gold to Venezuela's dictator, the Foreign Office said yesterday. Juan Guaidó, who last week declared himself the country's legitimate ruler and was recognised as such by the US, has asked for the Bank to withhold the gold from Nicolás Maduro. Sir Alan Duncan, Foreign Office minister, said that although the decision was for the Bank, "no doubt they will take into account the fact that a number of countries are questioning the legitimacy of Nicolás Maduro".

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If you have elderly neighbours, pop in and tell them they'll starve if there's a no-deal Brexit

BUSINESS

Patisserie Valerie sales failing for three years

Sales at Patisserie Valerie, the stricken café chain, were declining for at least three years before the £40million accounting black hole that triggered its demise was discovered. Sales fell 4 per cent in the past two years alone, documents seen by *The Daily Telegraph* reveal. Patisserie Holdings, the chain's parent company, did not report such sales figures prior to its sudden failure. Instead, its last set of audited accounts, including new café openings, showed sales up 10 per cent.

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Green urged to let his accusers tell their stories

Businessman gives up legal battle against Telegraph and faces calls from campaigners to lift gagging orders

By Claire Newell, Hayley Dixon and Ben Rumsby

SIR PHILIP GREEN was last night urged to do "the honourable thing" and free his alleged victims from their gagging orders after abandoning his legal battle with *The Daily Telegraph*.

The Topshop owner, named in Parliament as the businessman at the centre of Britain's MeToo scandal, paid substantial sums in out-of-court settlements to former employees who accused him of sexual harassment and racist abuse. Sir Philip, 66, yesterday abandoned his bid to stop *The Telegraph* revealing details of the allegations, but an interim injunction imposed in October remains in place until the application by Sir Philip to discontinue the action is heard in front of the Appeal Court judge.

Despite abandoning the case, the billionaire stated yesterday that there could be "further legal action" against anyone who signed a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) as part of their settlement if they decided to speak out.

His comments were condemned by MPs and campaigners, who said this proved the need to change the law surrounding the use of NDAs.

Jess Phillips MP, who sits on the women and equalities committee, said the statement was "little more than a veiled threat of further legal action to those who accuse him if they do not stay silent". She added: "It shows once again that he is a rich and powerful man who will use every tool he has to control the little people. Philip Green should free his ex-employees from their NDAs. If he has nothing to hide he has nothing to fear."

Sir Philip is estimated to have spent millions on a legal battle against *The Telegraph* that has lasted six months. He hired lawyers from Schillings who were last week told by the judge that



Sir Philip Green pictured in 2015 attending the British Fashion Awards in London. There is increasing pressure on him to release his alleged victims from gagging orders they signed

they could not justify charging fees of £690 an hour. Yesterday, a week before the trial, he dropped the case. Had it proceeded, Sir Philip would have had to attend court to give evidence.

The scandal prompted debates about the use of gagging orders and a parliamentary inquiry into their use in discrimination cases. Maria Miller MP, who chairs the women and equalities committee, which began its inquiry in December, said Sir Philip's latest threat proved the law needed to change. Ms

Harvey Weinstein, who broke her own NDA to reveal sexual misconduct allegations against the film producer.

Describing the statement as "shocking", Ms Perkins said: "This is using the law to silence people who are calling out discrimination and poor behaviour. This is a not very veiled threat from Philip Green who is using the law to intimidate his employees who have signed these agreements."

"Those who want to be released from them should be released. It is making a mockery of the agreement now that he is stepping away from the injunction, and in my opinion it shows that he has got something to hide."

Ms Perkins, who has called for NDAs to be banned in discrimination cases, said there needed to be "public policy change" from the Government and "massive regulatory change" regarding what lawyers were able to write into the agreements as this shows that "the law is for hire to the biggest gun". In his

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Eurosceptics in revolt over Brexit Plan B

By Gordon Rayner, Steven Swinford, Christopher Hope and Camilla Tominey

THERESA MAY's Brexit Plan B was in deep trouble last night as she faced an open revolt from Tory Brexiters.

The Prime Minister made a personal plea to her backbenchers to support a plan to renegotiate the Northern Irish backstop, but Eurosceptics refused as it would not be legally binding.

Last night Downing Street frantically tried to claw back support by telling Brexiters that Mrs May would seek to reopen the EU Withdrawal Agreement and add a backstop exit clause or end date.

But with the Conservative Party as divided as ever over Europe – and with just 59 days until Britain is due to leave the EU – there remains no guarantee that a series of votes today will break the Brexit deadlock.

The Daily Telegraph has learnt that Tory Brexiters and Remainers have thrashed out an "olive branch" solution to the impasse which was presented to Number 10 last week, involving an extension of the 21-month transition

Million young bullied online

By Charles Hymas
HOME AFFAIRS EDITOR

ONE million children have been bullied on social media platforms or have encountered "nasty" content online, Ofcom has reported.

The regulator found 11 per cent of children aged 12 to 15 had been bullied on social media while 9 per cent were bullied through messaging apps or by text, up from 5 per cent in 2017.

A third of them – and one in seven children aged eight to 11 – also said they had encountered "something worrying

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Majority of boy offenders are ethnic

By Victoria Ward

MORE than half of boys held in young offender institutions are now from black or minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds, the highest proportion ever recorded, according to a report.

The figure rose from 48 per cent to 51 per cent within a year, research by HM Inspectorate of Prisons revealed.

Those from BME backgrounds said their experiences of being in custody were significantly different to their white peers in many areas.

They felt staff were less likely to ask if they needed help with feeling scared

or upset and if they needed someone to talk to or had money worries.

They were also less likely to say they were given information about feeling upset, have access to a chaplain, Childline or the Samaritans or feel that applications and complaints were sorted out fairly and quickly.

In 2017, a review by David Lammy, the Labour MP, raised concerns that the proportion of black, Asian and minority ethnic youth prisoners had increased despite an overall fall in under-18s in custody.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said:

“For the first time, more than half of boys in prison identify as being from a black or minority ethnic background.

“Sixteen months after the Lammy Review was published, it is disturbing that disproportionality it is growing.”

The figures are detailed in a study on the perceptions of those aged between 12 and 18 who were held in young offender institutions (YOIs) or secure training centres (STCs) in England and Wales from April 2017 to March 2018.

The report also warned that too many young people feel unsafe in custody, stating that signs of improvement have yet to translate into a significant

shift in perceptions of their treatment and conditions.

The analysis, based on a survey of 686 children, found just over a third of those held in STCs had reported feeling unsafe at some point since arriving, and 40 per cent of those in YOIs.

The percentage of BME detainees was the highest recorded since HM Inspectorate of Prisons began carrying out the analysis in 2001.

Researchers found that the proportion of boys who identified as being from a black or minority ethnic background varied depending on the establishment, from one in five at the Keppel

Unit, to nearly three quarters at Feltham.

Black and minority ethnic children accounted for 42 per cent of the STC population, according to the paper.

The assessment, published today, covers the experiences of boys in five male YOIs, plus a specialist unit for boys, and children, including a small number of girls, held in three STCs.

Peter Clarke, the chief inspector of prisons, said: “I trust that the details of this report will prove useful to those whose responsibility it is to provide safe, respectful and purposeful custody for children.”

Sir Philip told ‘do honourable thing’ and end threat of NDAs

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statement, Sir Philip categorically denied “any unlawful racist or sexual behaviour”.

He said he had concluded it was “pointless to continue with the litigation” against *The Telegraph*, which he claimed had “already been undermined” by Lord Hain using parliamentary privilege to identify him in a move he described as “disgraceful”.

Lord Hain last night defended his decision to name the businessman, saying that it was “in the public interest” and that Sir Philip’s statements were an attack on parliamentary privilege.

The decision to drop the case comes three months after Sir Philip was named in Parliament. At the time he refused a request by this newspaper to drop the action.

Peter Kyle MP, who sits on the business, energy and industrial strategy committee and who last year called for a cross-committee inquiry into NDAs, called Sir Philip’s threat “grotesque”, adding: “The honourable thing for Philip Green to do now is to press the reset button, come clean on all of the NDAs against him and accept the problem that he has is not that a free press is doing its job, but it’s his attitude towards potentially vulnerable people in his workplace who should have his protection, not unwanted threats and intimidation.”

Mr Kyle accused Sir Philip of being “driven by hubris and entitlement”, adding: “He is victim-blaming, first and foremost, and rather than going after people his own size – such as *The Telegraph* and people in Parliament – he is going after those who lack voice, lack the resource that he has and the legal representation that he has instead. This shows the character of the man.”



Quest for the truth Emiliano Sala’s sister Romina, left, and mother, Mercedes, listen as recovery expert David Mearns details plans for a private search of the Channel where the plane carrying the missing Cardiff City footballer vanished last Monday.

UK strengthens Iraq ties with £30m aid

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

BRITAIN will give more than £30million to help the Iraqi government secure the “rights and freedoms” of Christians and other religious minorities in the region.

The money will be used to rebuild hospitals, schools and other vital infrastructure to allow those displaced by conflict to return home, the Middle East minister announced.

Alistair Burt, the minister for the Middle East, who is on a four-day visit to Iraq, said the aid package would provide support to the country’s people as they rebuild their “lives, businesses and economic independence”.

The package will see £16million allocated to the Iraq Reform and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) to help rebuild areas destroyed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, as well as £6.9million for the rehabilitation of critical infrastructure and £10million to support the ongoing humanitarian response.

The funds will also be used to “unlock Iraq’s economic potential”, generate jobs and boost the potential for enhanced future trade with the UK and other countries. Mr Burt’s visit also

saw the UK and Iraq agree to a joint communique to further strengthen bilateral relations.

The minister held talks with Barham Salih, the Iraqi president, and Adil Abdul Mahdi, the prime minister.

He also met Nechirvan Barzani, the prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government, and Masrour Barzani, the prime-minister designate.

Mr Burt said: “The UK is a strong partner and friend of Iraq. We share a range of mutual and growing priorities, which include security, development, foreign policy and trade. There is much to be celebrated about Iraq’s progress since the territorial defeat of Daesh in 2017. But there is more to be done to help Iraq develop the strong, stable future ... its people deserve.”

“The UK remains committed to supporting Iraq to develop along nonsectarian lines, and we are particularly concerned about the rights and freedoms afforded to Christians and other minority faith groups. We will be the first donor to the IRRF.

“UK aid will provide vital support to the people of Iraq as they rebuild their lives, their businesses and their economic independence.”

Half of younger children break social media age rule

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suicide on social media. Her father, Ian, said he believed Instagram “helped kill my daughter”.

Tony Stower, the NSPCC’s head of online safety, said the figures demonstrated the need for a tough independent regulator. “The inertia of social networks has to end,” he said.

He said it was “unacceptable” that children as young as eight could create social media accounts and one in seven had seen “worrying or nasty” material on the web. “Tech giants’ self-regulation clearly does not work,” he added.

Even among those aged three and four, Ofcom had found 12,000 social media profiles, despite age limits requiring users to be at least 13. A similar proportion of this group had a smartphone and almost a fifth their own tablet. More than half were online on average for nine hours a week, an increase of an hour in just one year.

It means nearly half of children under 13 are breaching the age limit, which applies to platforms including

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube.

Tanya Goodin, founder of Time to Log Off, said: “This is shocking. My concern is that the parents are using the devices as ‘digital babysitters’. It confirms what schools are saying about young children coming to them with delayed speech and language skills. Children need human interaction.”

Children, however, told researchers they found it “too much effort” to interact in real life with friends and preferred to watch YouTube, cited by 80 per cent of all children as their primary online destination, including 45 per cent of children aged three to four.

For the first time children aged eight to 11 are spending more time on the internet than watching TV, like their older counterparts aged 12 to 15.

Seven in 10 older children were allowed to take their mobile phone to bed. Ofcom added it had found that young people were nowadays rarely interested in reading, drawing, playing an instrument or other hobbies.

NEWS BULLETIN

Four deny membership of neo-Nazi terror group

Four people have denied being members of National Action, the banned neo-Nazi terrorist group.

Garry Jack, 22, and Mark Jones, 24, appeared over a video-link at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday to plead not guilty to a charge of being members of the proscribed group.

At the back of the court were co-accused Alice Cutter, 22, who is Mr Jones’s fiancée, and a 17-year-old male, who cannot be named for legal reasons, who also denied the same charge. It is alleged all four were members between Dec 17 2016 and Sept 5 2017. All four are in court for a pre-trial hearing next month ahead of trial at the crown court on March 18.

Mother and son ‘knifed by neighbour in water row’

A mother and son were stabbed in a “frenzied attack” by their neighbour following a dispute over water running off his driveway, a court heard yesterday.

Michael Marucci, 48, crashed through Julia Doble’s front door carrying a craft knife after she made a low offer to buy his £350,000 house when he indicated he wanted to move to avoid her attempts to sue him.

He cut her son Kieran’s throat and slashed Mrs Doble’s arm while making threats to kill her, Winchester Crown Court heard. Marucci, of Bournemouth, denies attempted murder and wounding with intent on Aug 10 last year. The trial continues.

Man arrested after body of girl, 16, discovered

A man has been arrested after the body of a 16-year-old girl was found in a derelict building, Greater Manchester Police said.

Officers were called at 9.25am yesterday to reports that the girl was missing from her home in Prestwich, Bury. At around 9.45am, the force received a second call saying she had been found dead in a building near Brookside Drive in Kersal, Salford.

Police said the cause of death is yet to be established, but a 41-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of murder. Supt Caroline Hemmingway said: “We are trying to piece together this puzzle and help give the girl’s family the answers they deserve.”

Store manager under fire after ‘pigeon cull’

A Sainsbury’s manager has reportedly received an influx of angry phone calls after pictures emerged alleging there had been a pigeon cull at his store.

London Wildlife Protection, a volunteer-run animal welfare group, published images online of birds that were allegedly shot with air rifles as part of a cull at Sainsbury’s in Dartford, Kent. The group also gave the name and telephone number of the store manager.

The post said: “We have reached out to Sainsbury’s to remind them of their obligation to put deterrents in place and try all non-lethal methods first.”

A Sainsbury’s spokesman said it was looking into the matter.

Cannabis factory set up in derelict tower block

A huge cannabis factory covering three floors of a derelict tower block scheduled for demolition has been found in the middle of a housing estate.

Police had to get through an internal steel-barred door and an industrialised padlock to uncover the operation.

Inside, officers found plants with an estimated street value of £500,000, along with living quarters and food for those tending the operation.

A loading winch had also been fitted into one of the block’s lift shafts. The 20-storey block, Warstone Tower, in Bromford Drive, Birmingham, has been earmarked by the city council for demolition.

Runaway panda found in Belfast back garden

An endangered red panda cub was found in a Northern Ireland back garden after it escaped from Belfast Zoo on Sunday.

Officers in the Northern Ireland capital said Amber the panda was “believed to be taking in the sights of beautiful Glengormley”, but was rescued yesterday morning within a mile from its enclosure. The search team believe the cub, which was born last summer, escaped following a power fault in an electric fence, and travelled through woodland to spend the night in trees. Belfast Zoo said that the panda appeared to be well and was now back with its family.

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Looking back
This year's key events

The D-Day Festival in Normandy will include:
June 1-9 Re-enactments of US airborne troops in action at Sainte-Mère-Eglise.
June 5 The Daks Over Normandy flight, when 300 paratroopers will jump into the original British drop zone.

Parachutes to fill Normandy’s skies again

Seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day will involve 300 making the jump from 30 Dakota aircraft over France

By **Dominic Nicholls**
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ON JUNE 6 1944, thousands of paratroopers jumping from the skies over Normandy began the mission to liberate Europe from Nazi occupation.

For those who witnessed that day, the sight of 300 parachutists leaping from Second World War aircraft over France as part of this year’s D-Day anniversary celebrations will evoke special memories.

The Imperial War Museum (IWM) yesterday unveiled its plans to commemorate the incredible efforts of Al-

lied troops by re-enacting the airborne element of the Normandy invasion, 75 years on.

The display, called “Daks Over Normandy” after the Douglas C-47 Skytrain – known in the RAF as the Dakota – will see 30 aircraft take off from Duxford Airfield, eight miles south of Cambridge, on June 5, and head towards northern France.

The cross-Channel jump will take place between 4pm and 5pm, into the original British drop zone at Ranville, code-named “N”.

Although no D-Day veterans will be jumping, many of the parachutists are former service personnel. British parachutists will be joined in the air by colleagues from America, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Germany, New Zealand and South Africa, plus a few other countries.

Three US recipients of the Medal of



Honor, won in recent conflicts, will be present. Major General Sir Colin Weir, the current commander of 1st (UK) Division, will also be on the commemorative jump.

The Dakota aircraft is synonymous with the D-Day landings. One stands as the gate guardian to Merville Barracks

in Colchester, Essex, home to Britain’s 16 Air Assault Brigade, the Army’s rapid response airborne force.

Members of 16 Air Assault Brigade will also make a special jump into northern France, just ahead of the fleet of Dakotas.

The gathering at Duxford in June is said to be the greatest number of Dakotas seen in one location since the Second World War.

Additional D-Day-themed programming will take place at other IWM sites, including HMS Belfast and the Churchill War Rooms, St James’s Park in Westminster, London, the nerve centre of strategic decision-making during the Second World War. Both had central roles in this critical operation during the war.

The Churchill War Rooms are housed in the then prime minister’s secret headquarters below Whitehall.

One especially well-kept wartime secret was Churchill’s desire to be present at the D-Day landings. Towards the end of May 1944, the prime minister informed the Admiralty that he intended to witness the operation first-hand from the decks of HMS Belfast.

The idea of Britain’s wartime leader placing himself in such danger was alarming, but it was not until King George VI intervened in writing that Churchill agreed to back down. A facsimile of the letter from the King to Churchill, dated May 31 1944, is on display in the Churchill Museum in the Churchill War Rooms.

The IWM has teamed up with Normandy Tourism to present a varied and unprecedented programme of events in the summer to bring the memory of this tragic period of world history to life, with specific focus on the spirit of hope and reconciliation.

June 6 A live Forties concert on the seafront at Gold Beach.

June 6 The inauguration of the British Normandy Memorial, with Theresa May and Emmanuel Macron expected to attend.

June 8 A parade of civilians and soldiers in Forties attire, with 150 civilian and military vehicles.

June 8-9 D-Day activities on HMS Belfast, pictured above in 1944.

June 10 Firework displays at major D-Day sites. For more details visit the websites of Normandy Tourism and the Imperial War Museum.

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Brexit deadlock

History will judge you, ministers warn Bercow

Pressure grows on Speaker to allow vote on backbench proposal that could save May’s deal and persuade the EU to renegotiate

The amendments

By Christopher Hope and Jack Maidment

JOHN BERCOW has been warned by senior Government figures that “history will judge him” if he snubs a backbench amendment today that could save Theresa May’s Brexit deal.

The Commons Speaker will this lunchtime sit down to examine a series of tabled amendments that could radically change the course of Brexit.

Last night, Theresa May, the Prime Minister, told Tory MPs her Government would back an amendment tabled by Sir Graham Brady, a senior backbencher, that says MPs will support her deal if the backstop is swapped for “alternative arrangements”.

Sir Graham’s plan, if agreed by a majority of MPs, would provide Mrs May with evidence to take to Brussels to show the EU a deal is within reach if the bloc drops its opposition to renegotiating the Withdrawal Agreement.

However, Sir Graham’s plan will only be put to a vote if Mr Bercow selects it from a list of 12 amendments which he will allow to be put to a vote at 7pm.

A senior Government source told *The Daily Telegraph*: “History will judge him, there’s a range of amendments down on both sides of the debate and these should be represented in the selection he makes. To be seen as biased will damage the Speaker’s chair for far longer than he sits in it and would be quite a shameful legacy.”

There is no limit on the number of amendments that Mr Bercow can select to be put to a vote but there are also no hard and fast rules dictating which ones he should choose, which means some MPs could be left disappointed.

Yesterday Andrew Murrison and John Baron, backbench Tory MPs, withdrew two amendments on the backstop in an attempt to make it harder for Mr Bercow to overlook Sir Graham’s amendment. However, Mr Baron has not withdrawn amendments calling for the backstop to be limited to just six months and allowing the UK to terminate the backstop unilaterally after the end of the transition period, potentially

allowing Mr Bercow to choose one of them over Sir Graham’s amendment.

Brandon Lewis, the Conservative Party chairman, told *The Telegraph* he hoped Mr Bercow would see the Brady amendment as “the logical one to call” given MPs’ repeated concerns about the backstop. He added: “Predicting what will happen in Parliament and what the decision of the Speaker will be is not a game I am prepared to play.”

Another Remain-supporting minister admitted: “The Speaker could be a fly in the ointment and not call the amendment.”

A Brexiteer Cabinet minister said: “It is essential that the Speaker protects the reputation of Parliament.”

One amendment from Yvette Cooper, the Labour MP, would pave the way to forcing the Government to extend Article 50 in the event that MPs have not agreed a Brexit deal by Feb 26.

A further amendment tabled by Dominic Grieve, the former attorney general, would offer MPs indicative votes on Brexit options and a plan put forward by Dame Caroline Spelman, a former Conservative Cabinet minister, would reject a “no-deal” Brexit. Both are well supported.

Mr Bercow’s office was approached for comment. Last month his spokesman said: “Impartiality has been the watchword for John Bercow’s Speakership. He is fair to all sides – both Government and opposition – and to different points of view within and between parties. He has never allowed his personal views to influence his chairing of debates and statements.”

◆ Medicines would be prioritised over food under a no-deal Brexit, the Health Secretary has said. Matt Hancock said more than half of drugs prescribed in the UK originate in EU countries, as he insisted there was sufficient time left to ensure supplies were not disrupted.

Asked whether medicines were more vital than food, he told MPs: “Of course, medicine will be prioritised.”

He told a Commons select committee the UK was far more reliant on EU imports for medicine than it was for food, but added that the pharmaceutical industry was rising to the challenge of ensuring supplies of around 12,000 medicines were not disrupted.

The Venezuelan crisis that taunts Corbyn and ‘Poundland Lenins’

Sketch

By Michael Deacon

Jeremy Corbyn has always taken a close interest in South American politics. Particularly when it comes to Venezuela. Back in 2015, shortly before he became Labour leader, Mr Corbyn was still hailing the “achievements” of the socialist regime there as “a cause for celebration”.

Today, Venezuela is in despair. The economy has collapsed, and huge numbers of people are either starving or fleeing. Yesterday in the Commons a centrist Labour MP – Mike Gapes of Ilford South – tabled an Urgent Question about the crisis. Mr Gapes was cold with rage. Not only about the crisis itself, but about some of his most senior party colleagues. John McDonnell, the shadow chancellor, along with various other Labour frontbenchers and British Left-wingers (although not, interestingly, Mr Corbyn), had signed a joint letter to *The Guardian*, portraying the attempted ousting of Nicolás Maduro, Venezuela’s president, as a “US attempt at regime change”.

“The people of Venezuela,” seethed Mr Gapes, “do not need the weasel words of a letter to *The Guardian* from assorted Stalinists, Trotskyists and anti-Semites, but also members of Labour’s front bench!” Strong words to use about one’s own colleagues, perhaps. But at least he made a distinction between them and the three preceding categories.

Tories bayed their agreement. The Labour leadership’s past enthusiasm for Venezuelan socialism was not lost on them. The crisis, barked Sir Nicholas Soames (Con, Mid Sussex), had been “cheered on” by “the leader of the opposition, his chief lieutenant,

and various other Poundland Lenins”. The most memorable outburst, though, came from Chris Williamson. Mr Williamson, a staunch supporter of Mr Corbyn, has a compelling claim to be the most fanatical Left-winger on the Labour benches. If you’re unfamiliar with his work, do keep an eye out. You can’t miss him. Not for nothing is he known, at any rate by me, as the Nosferatu of Derby North. The bone-white skin, the hairless skull, the merciless cheekbones, the eye-sockets shrouded permanently in darkness. Even he must give a start when he looks in the mirror. Assuming of course that there’s anything there.

Naturally Mr Williamson pinned all the blame for Venezuela’s misery on the US. “Millions support the Maduro government!” he snarled, before launching abruptly into a rant about Yemen, and demanding to know whether Sir Alan Duncan, the Tory minister at the dispatch box, was plotting to “facilitate a humanitarian catastrophe” in Venezuela. Tory

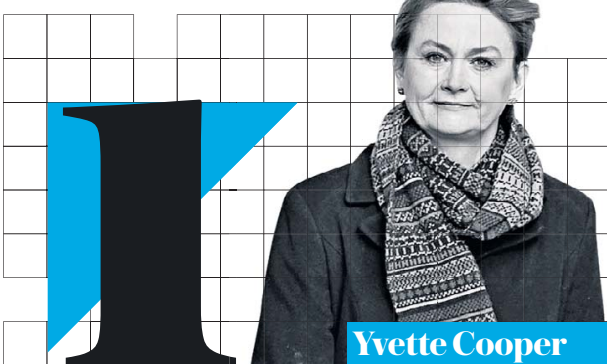
‘The Labour leadership’s past enthusiasm for Venezuelan socialism was not lost on the Tories’

hecklers attempted to break it to Mr Williamson that a catastrophe was already well under way.

Sir Alan glared at Mr Williamson in disgust. Sir Nicholas Soames, said Sir Alan, had “referred to ‘Poundland Lenins’. I’ve just seen one who isn’t even worth a penny, let alone a pound.”

Sitting on Labour’s front bench was Emily Thornberry. She expressed her sympathy for Venezuela, before adding that it was “a mistake to think that changing the leader will automatically solve every problem”.

Maybe. But I still think Labour should give it a go.



Yvette Cooper

What does it do Paves the way to forcing the Government to request an extension to Article 50. It would lead to a draft Bill being debated and voted on in the Commons next Tuesday. The Bill would require the Government to delay Brexit if no deal has been agreed by MPs by Feb 26.

Who supports it It has broad cross-party support with backbench Labour, Conservative, Lib Dem, SNP and Plaid Cymru MPs all backing it. Supporters include Nicky Morgan, Sir Oliver Letwin,

Hilary Benn and Nick Boles. The scale of support for the amendment means it will almost certainly be selected by Mr Bercow and all of the opposition parties are expected to back it. Some Labour MPs who represent Leave-voting areas could vote against it, so success would likely come down to whether enough Tory MPs rebel to get it over the line. All eyes will also be on whether any Remain-backing Tory ministers abstain on the vote. It’s expected to be tight, but Ms Cooper will be hopeful.



Hilary Benn

What does it do Calls for the Government to make time available in the House of Commons for a series of indicative votes on different Brexit options.

Who supports it A selection of Labour backbench MPs and a few Tory Remainers. It does not have significant levels of support and is similar to a more popular amendment tabled by Dominic Grieve.



Dame Caroline Spelman

What does it do Rejects the UK leaving the EU without a deal.

Who supports it The most popular of any amendment tabled, it is backed by dozens of MPs from across the House of Commons. The scale of support for the amendment means John Bercow, the Commons Speaker, will almost certainly select it. MPs of all stripes are against the UK leaving the EU without a deal, but the amendment would not be legally binding on the Government.



Jeremy Corbyn

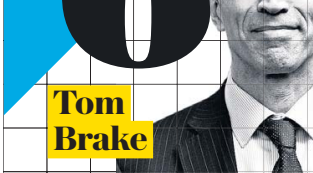
What does it do Requires the Government to set aside “sufficient time” in the House of Commons to debate and vote on Brexit options to prevent the UK leaving the EU without a deal.

Those options would include a vote on Labour’s proposed Brexit deal (a softer version of Brexit than Mrs May’s, built on a permanent customs union) and a vote on whether there should be a second referendum.

Who supports it The amendment has been tabled by the Labour front bench which means Labour MPs will be whipped to support it. It is unlikely to secure the support of any other party.

It will almost certainly be selected by Mr Bercow because it is the official Opposition amendment, but Tories won’t vote for it for obvious reasons. The SNP and Lib Dems are also unlikely to back it because it would still mean the UK would be on course to leave the EU.

The MPs’ Brexit amendments



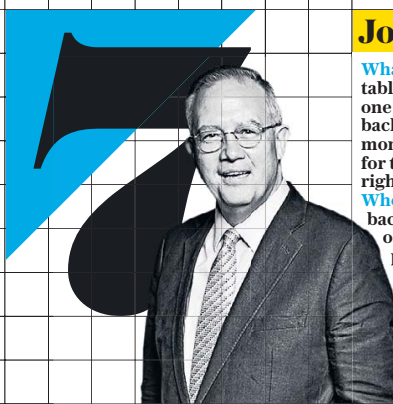
Tom Brake

What does it do Sets up a Business of the House Committee of MPs which would have the power to determine when Brexit matters are debated in the Commons.

Who supports it It’s the Liberal Democrat’s second amendment so it has the

support of the party’s 11 MPs but there are big question marks over whether anyone else would vote for it.

Mr Bercow is unlikely to select it and it has created virtually no buzz among MPs since it was first published last week.



John Baron

What does it do Mr Baron has tabled two separate amendments, one which would insist on the backstop lasting no more than six months, and one which would call for the UK to have a unilateral right to terminate the backstop.

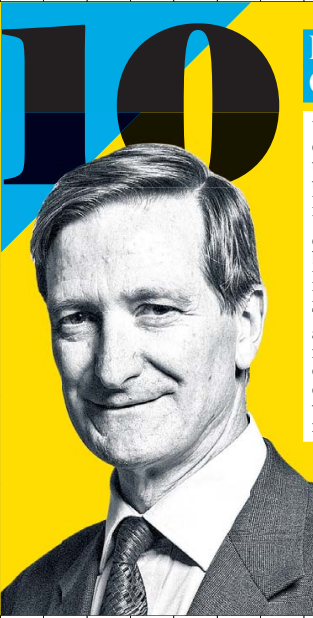
Who supports it A score of Tory backbench MPs support each one. The amendments are less popular than Sir Graham Brady’s amendment and it is unlikely that both would be selected.



Stella Creasy

What does it do Requires the Government to seek an Article 50 extension to allow a Citizens’ Assembly to be set up to consider and make recommendations on what should happen next on Brexit.

Who supports it Mainly a selection of Labour backbenchers with a handful of MPs from other parties. It would not be backed by either the Labour or Tory front bench and the chances of it being selected by Mr Bercow appear slim.



Dominic Grieve

What does it do Sets aside six days in the House of Commons in the weeks running up to Mar 29 to debate and vote on different Brexit options.

Who supports it It has broad cross-party support from Labour backbenchers and Tory Remainers as well as Lib Dem, Plaid Cymru and SNP MPs. The Government would vote against it because ministers will not want to cede control of Brexit over to the Commons but every opposition party would probably vote for it which means the Tory rebels could prove the difference.

Brexiteers angry over Government attempt to ‘dupe’ them

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May a lifeline at the weekend by tabling an amendment to a Brexit motion today that demanded the Northern Irish backstop be replaced with “alternative arrangements”. Initially it had widespread backing, with Government sources selling it as the perfect way to give Mrs May a mandate to return to Brussels to demand changes to her deal.

But the mood in Westminster turned sour after Sir Graham admitted his amendment would not necessarily mean the Withdrawal Agreement being reopened. Mr Rees-Mogg, leader of the 60-strong ERG group of Tory Euro-sceptics, responded by saying he and his cohorts could not back it because it would not force the EU to make legally-

binding changes to the Brexit deal. Brexiteers angrily accused Downing Street of trying to dupe them into believing the agreement would be reopened, while Number 10 was furious with Sir Graham for undermining the plan to which he had put his name.

Mrs May last night tried to rescue the situation by pleading with the 1922 Committee to back the Brady amendment, later letting it be known that the Government will whip its MPs to back it. During the meeting she clashed with Boris Johnson, the former foreign secretary, who had asked her, “how do you know the Brady amendment will manifest itself into meaningful change?”

Mrs May replied: “You won’t know unless you support us, Boris.” Mr Rees-

Brexit diet Study under fire for claiming deaths will rise

Imperial College London has been accused of joining “project fear” after claiming that Brexit will cause 12,400 people to die from heart attacks and strokes by 2030. A new study, published in the journal *BMJ Open*, argues

that leaving the EU will push up the price of imported fruit and vegetables, leading to less healthy diets. Edgar Miller, of Economists for Free Trade, said scrapping tariffs would cut prices, however.

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Mogg said he and the ERG would defy the whip, and the DUP was last night undecided on whether it would back the amendment. A source feared it was a “trap” to enable Mrs May to say she had tried but failed to ditch the backstop.

The Daily Telegraph understands Gavin Barwell, the Prime Minister’s chief of staff, later pulled Boris Johnson aside. Sources reported he insisted Mrs May was seeking to change the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement itself.

There was some good news for Mrs May, however, as she quelled a Cabinet rebellion over a vote on a no-deal Brexit by saying that members would get a chance to block no deal next month when another “meaningful vote” was held on a reworked deal.



Sir Graham Brady

What does it do Requires the backstop to be replaced with "alternative arrangements" to avoid a hard border, and says MPs will support the Withdrawal Agreement subject to that change.

Who supports it It has been tabled by the leaders of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbench MPs. The DUP is considering supporting it and the Government will whip its MPs to back it. But Tory Brexiteers have said they cannot back it after Sir Graham said it would not

necessarily mean reopening the Withdrawal Agreement. Brexiteers are adamant the Withdrawal Agreement itself must be changed amid fears anything less would not carry enough legal force.

The fact that Tory Brexiteers feel unable to support the amendment means it is unlikely to pass. The Government would struggle to get the numbers without the support of Jacob Rees-Mogg and the rest of the European Research Group.

Labour split after McDonnell 'backs clean exit to end Tories'

Party divided

By Camilla Tominey ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEREMY CORBYN and John McDonnell are at odds over a no-deal Brexit, causing friction within the Labour leader's office, it has been claimed.

While Mr Corbyn has refused to engage with Theresa May until the "catastrophic" prospect of leaving without a deal is taken off the table, insiders say the shadow chancellor is "more comfortable" with no deal "because it would lead to the kind of chaos that makes a revolution more possible".

A source said: "All John wants is another general election. Although there are legitimate fears Labour would be blamed for no Brexit, there is also the sense that the party could capitalise on the Government being plunged into yet another unprecedented crisis."

Len McCluskey's "stranglehold" on Mr Corbyn's office is also said to be causing tensions with Mr McDonnell.

Emboldened by his meeting with Theresa May at Downing Street last week, the Unite boss is said to be wielding a great deal of power over Labour's Brexit policy as the party's biggest fi-

nancial backer. "John and Len's relationship isn't as good as it was," said another Labour insider.

"John is quite independently minded and is suspicious of Len's stranglehold on the Labour leader's office. There's a bit of a power struggle going on."

It emerged as Mr McCluskey, who is general secretary of Unite, held talks with the Prime Minister last week after Mr Corbyn refused to engage. Speaking outside No 10, Mr McCluskey rebuffed calls from cross-party MPs for Labour to swing behind a second EU referendum and instead called for Brexit to be delayed.

He urged Labour MPs to support an amendment tabled by Yvette Cooper, which would extend Article 50 if a no-deal Brexit looked imminent.

It is thought the Labour leader's office has been split over supporting the amendment because it has been tabled by a "Brownite" who is seeking to brandish her own leadership credentials.

A Labour MP said: "It doesn't make Corbyn look particularly good to have Yvette outmanoeuvring the Government on Labour's behalf."

Parliamentarians remain unconvinced that the Cooper amendment will get enough votes to pass if it is se-



Theresa May, seen at an RSPB Great Garden Bird Watch event in Maidenhead, held a meeting with Len McCluskey, the Unite boss, that is thought to have added to divisions within Labour

lected for debate today by John Bercow, the Speaker.

A source close to Ms Cooper conceded: "No one is counting their chickens at the moment."

Describing Mr McCluskey as "a closet Brexiteer in the twilight of his career", the insider added: "The feeling among the Cooper supporters is that delaying Brexit is a price worth paying if it means not destroying the country. It's worth the electoral pain."

Javid: No-deal Brexit will stop free movement

Migration

By Charles Hymas HOME AFFAIRS EDITOR

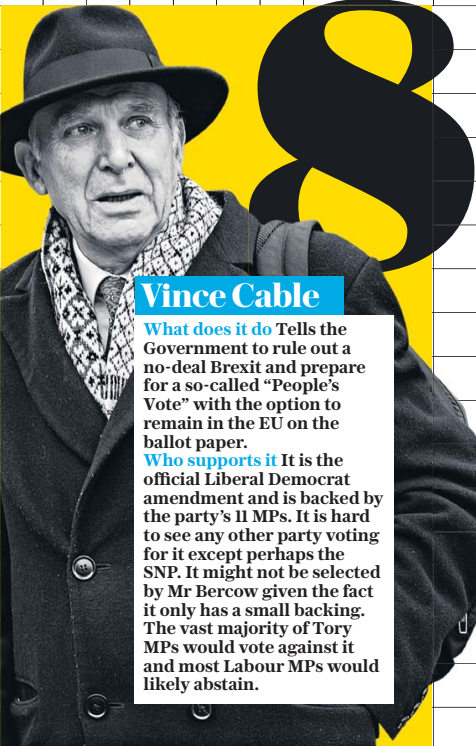
EU CITIZENS arriving in the UK after March 29 must apply for visas to remain in the event of a no-deal Brexit, Sajid Javid has announced.

In a move designed to end free movement if there is no deal, the Home Secretary said EU citizens coming to the UK after March would have to apply for temporary leave to remain if they wished to visit, live or study for longer than three months in the UK.

This would entitle them to stay for a further three years before having to apply through a new post-Brexit immigration system from 2021. This scraps the cap on skilled migrants but places restrictions on low-skilled workers.

If there is a Brexit deal, EU freedom of movement will continue through the transition period and EU citizens will be able to apply for settlement status in the UK up until June 2021.

At the second reading of the Bill creating a post-Brexit system, he said: "If we leave the EU without a deal we will continue to deliver on the referendum result and end free movement once and for all."



Vince Cable

What does it do Tells the Government to rule out a no-deal Brexit and prepare for a so-called "People's Vote" with the option to remain in the EU on the ballot paper.

Who supports it It is the official Liberal Democrat amendment and is backed by the party's 11 MPs. It is hard to see any other party voting for it except perhaps the SNP. It might not be selected by Mr Bercow given the fact it only has a small backing. The vast majority of Tory MPs would vote against it and most Labour MPs would likely abstain.



Rachel Reeves

What does it do Requires Theresa May to seek an extension to Article 50 if no deal has been agreed by MPs by February 26.

Who supports it Dozens of Labour backbenchers, a handful of SNP MPs and a selection of Tory rebels. Some Lib Dem, Green and Plaid Cymru MPs too. It is unclear whether it will be put to a vote because it is similar to the more popular and legally binding plan tabled by Ms Cooper.

Groundhog Day EU won't budge on backstop

Michel Barnier's deputy negotiator has definitively ruled out any renegotiation of the Irish backstop, even if MPs vote for "Groundhog Day" amendments changing the controversial insurance policy in tomorrow's vote.

Sabine Weyand said at an event in

Brussels: "This has been extensively discussed at the negotiating table amongst the EU27. They were unanimous, a time limit to the backstop defeats the purpose of the backstop."

The senior EU official added: "It feels like Groundhog Day. There's no negotiation between the UK

and EU - that's finished."

Ms Weyand said that the backstop had already been renegotiated as the EU's opening gambit was that it would only apply in Northern Ireland. It was extended to the whole UK to head off fears that Northern Ireland could be annexed.

James Crisp

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‘Unethical’ royal teddies withdrawn from shops after outcry by activists

Royal Collection makes about-turn over £125 mohair bears amid claims of cruelty to kid goats

By **Katie Morley**
CONSUMER AFFAIRS EDITOR

ANIMAL rights campaigners have succeeded in halting the sale of mohair teddy bears at Royal Collection shops. The Royal Collection Trust confirmed it was no longer selling items made from goat hair in a letter to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta).

It comes after a £125 mohair Christmas teddy bear was criticised by Peta as it highlighted the plight of angora goats “left bloody and terrified” after being shorn.

At the time, Peta wrote to the Prince of Wales, chairman of the charitable trust, asking him to withdraw the “unethical” teddies from the royal website

and shops. Marketed as Baby’s First Christmas Bear, the toy was made from South African mohair and produced by Merrythought, the last remaining British teddy-making company.

The trust initially defended its use of mohair, claiming it had come from a reputable merchant, but it backed down several weeks later. In the letter to Peta, it wrote: “Our shops are no longer selling teddy bears or any other items that have been manufactured from mohair. We will explore alternative sources for future products.”

Yvonne Taylor, Peta’s director of corporate projects, said: “The Royal Collection Trust’s decision to stop selling mohair is a tremendous act of kindness towards gentle goats. No children’s toy should be made with the hair of goat kids, which are left bloody and terrified after they’re held down and shorn.

“Peta urges shoppers to read labels carefully to ensure their purchases don’t support cruelty to animals.”

Following Peta Asia’s investigation into South Africa’s mohair industry, the

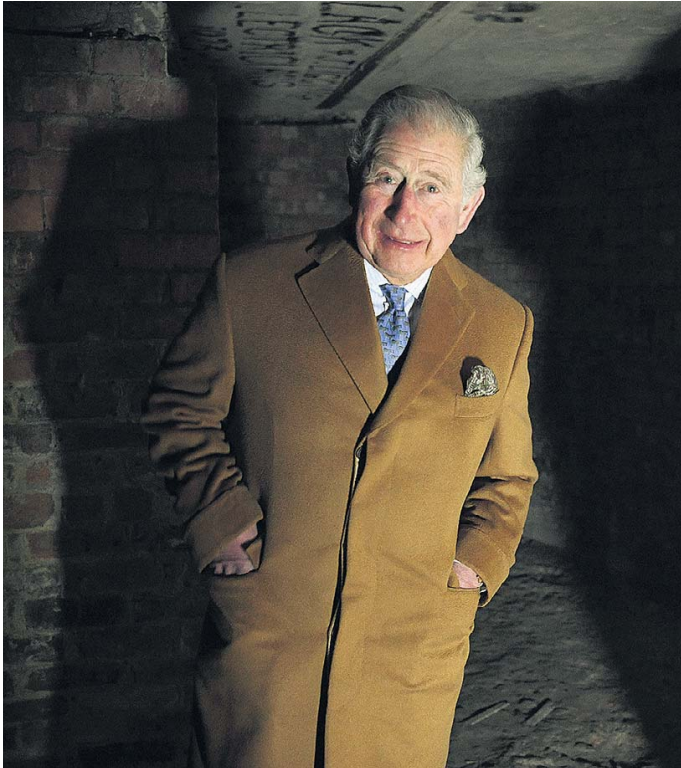
country’s Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Towards Animals filed charges against four angora goat farmers.

The trust joins a list of hundreds of retailers – including Aquascutum, The White Company and Marks & Spencer – in agreeing to end the use of mohair in their products. Critics claim the way the hair is removed from the goats causes animals distress, no matter how they are reared.

◆ Staff at Kensington Palace are moderating hundreds of thousands of sexist and racist online comments aimed at the Duchess of Cambridge and the Duchess of Sussex.

Violent threats have been made towards the two women across social media channels. Neither of the Duchesses have social media accounts, with Meghan famously closing her Instagram account before her marriage to Prince Harry.

A palace source told *Hello!*: “Over the course of last year, with hundreds of thousands of comments, there were two or three that were violent threats.”



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Heir down there
The Prince of Wales visits a wartime air raid shelter at Drapers’ Hall in Coventry, before the building is transformed into a £5.5million music venue. Charles was shown plans to turn the Regency-style hall, which was left empty for more than 20 years, into a performance space for classical music and an education centre for the city’s young musicians. The Prince’s Foundation is managing the project, along with several other community regeneration schemes across the UK, to mark the Duke of Cornwall’s 70th birthday.

Duke to spend Valentine’s Day in Arctic Circle

By **Hannah Furness**
ROYAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of Sussex is to fly to the Arctic Circle to join Royal Marines who are being trained to survive and fight in the extreme cold, as he becomes the first member of the Royal family to be involved in an annual exercise designed to protect against Russian invasion.

The Duke will spend Valentine’s Day with British troops in northern Norway as part of Exercise Clockwork, a 50-year-old winter training exercise based in one of the world’s most demanding environments.

Set 200 miles (322km) inside the Arctic Circle, more than 16,000 Royal Marines and Royal Navy sailors and airmen have taken part since 1969.

The Duke’s visit marks the 50th anniversary of Commando Helicopter Force and Joint Helicopter Command deploying to Bardufoss in Norway.

He will not take part in the exercise, sources have said, but will observe military personnel learning how to survive, operate and fight in extreme cold weather and mountainous environments.

The multinational exercise, hosted by the Norwe-

gian Armed Forces, comprises environmental flying qualifications, cold weather survival, tent group commander and snow and ice driving courses.

The Duke, in his role as Captain General Royal Marines, will fly to the Air Station in Bardufoss on Feb 14 to meet military personnel living and training across six months of the year on the base.

He will also see field tents, snow vehicles and a Quincey Shelter: a makeshift shelter built of snow in which the elite forces are able to camp.

It will be the Duke and Duchess’s first Valentine’s Day as a married couple, and their last before the arrival of their baby due in late April.

Prince Harry was appointed Captain General Royal Marines in December 2017, taking over the role from his grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh, who held the appointment for 64 years.

He already has experience of colder climates, facing temperatures as low as -35C (-31F) on charity expeditions, taking part in treks to the North Pole in 2011 and South Pole in 2013 with Walking With The Wounded, a charity helping veterans reintegrate back into society.

Windsor Castle to get terror ‘ring of steel’

WINDSOR Castle is to be protected from terror attacks by a permanent “ring of steel”.

The Berkshire town will see barriers costing more than £1million installed, after temporary barriers were erected in March 2017 in response to the Westminster terror attacks. Security was also stepped up last year for the two Royal weddings at Windsor Castle.

Supt Colin Hudson, of Thames Valley Police, said: “We want people who live, work and visit Windsor to feel safe, and these measures

will help ensure that this is the case.”

Phill Bicknell, a Windsor and Maidenhead council cabinet member, said: “Keeping our residents safe is a top priority and these measures have been designed to ensure the safety of residents and those visiting Windsor, while maintaining Windsor’s unique heritage.”

The barriers will be installed in the summer, with the Royal Borough of Windsor putting in funding of £942,000 and Thames Valley Police contributing £250,000.

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Clegg: Facebook saves thousands from suicide

Company’s vice-president defends its record after father’s claim Instagram ‘helped to kill’ teenager

By **Mike Wright** SOCIAL MEDIA CORRESPONDENT and **James Cook**

SIR NICK CLEGG has defended Instagram and Facebook over self-harm images as he claimed the sites were saving people from suicide.

The former deputy prime minister admitted he would not allow his own

children to look at some of the disturbing images found on the social networks but insisted Facebook was prepared to do “whatever it takes” to make its platforms safer.

Sir Nick, who recently joined Mark Zuckerberg’s company as vice-president of global affairs and communications, also said it was “not sustainable” for social media companies to carry on without new government regulation.

He made the comments after Ian Russell accused Instagram of “helping to kill” his 14-year-old daughter, Molly, who took her own life in 2017.

Mr Russell found Molly, who had

showed “no obvious signs” of mental illness, had been viewing images relating to depression and suicide on Instagram, which is owned by Facebook.

In an interview with the BBC yesterday, Sir Nick said Facebook had saved the lives of thousands of suicidal users by flagging up their posts to mental health services.

The father of three said: “Over the last year 3,500 people who were displaying behaviour liable to lead to the taking of their own lives on Facebook were saved by early responders.

“We will do whatever it takes in order to make this environment safer on-

line particularly for youngsters.” Over the weekend Matt Hancock, the Health Secretary, wrote to companies including Facebook, Google and Twitter saying he was “appalled” at how easy it was to find content on suicide. He later suggested that Parliament could “ban” social media companies that did not purge their sites of harmful material.

The Government is drawing up a White Paper which is expected to impose new regulations on tech companies. *The Daily Telegraph* has been campaigning for social media firms to be subject to a statutory duty of care to protect children online. Sir Nick agreed

that the Government should set new rules for tech companies. “Frankly, one of the reasons that I wanted to join [Facebook] was because I don’t think it’s sustainable for tech companies to just say no we don’t like any regulation,” he said.

“Governments have a real role in setting the new rules, setting the tramlines, the boundaries for the internet.”

However, the 52-year-old former leader of the Liberal Democrats also warned that people “don’t want an internet where it’s all too controlled and you can’t express yourself freely”.

Meanwhile, his first intervention for

Facebook was derided by Damian Collins, a senior Conservative MP. The chairman of the digital, culture, media and sport committee, which has investigated Facebook over disinformation, tweeted: “Nick Clegg has clearly already drunk the Facebook kool-aid.

“He speaks about the ‘serious legal and ethical obligations’ that Facebook has. It’s a shame that Facebook has failed to meet these time and time again. This is all too little, too late.”

Sir Nick also agreed that Facebook should pay more tax in the UK, where it faced a corporate levy of £15.8million in 2017 despite profits of £1.26billion.



Holy grail of Bowie footage found with ‘lost’ Ziggy TV debut

By **Anita Singh** ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

DAVID BOWIE’s appearance as Ziggy Stardust on Top of the Pops in July 1972 is regarded as a seminal moment in music history.

But few people remember that Bowie actually made his television debut as Ziggy a month earlier, singing *Starman* on an ITV teatime show called

Lift Off with Ayshea. The performance was believed lost when the tapes were accidentally wiped.

Almost half a century on, a recording has been unearthed after a member of the public said they had captured it on computer tape, a forerunner of VHS. The



footage is being restored and Francis Whately, a film-maker who has already produced two Bowie documentaries, hopes to include it in *David Bowie: Finding Fame*, a BBC documentary due for broadcast next month. “For fans, it is something of a holy grail,” he told *Radio Times*. “It would fall apart if we played it, so it’s had to be very carefully restored. It will be a real coup if it comes off.”

David Bowie as Ziggy Stardust with the Spiders From Mars, and left with Mick Ronson, on *Lift Off with Ayshea* in 1972. Footage of the show has been unearthed after nearly 50 years

Fortnite removes ‘blind loot boxes’ after gambling fears

By **Tom Hoggins and Mike Wright**

THE makers of online video game *Fortnite* have bowed to pressure by getting rid of “blind loot boxes”, amid suggestions they lure children into gambling.

Epic Games, the creator of *Fortnite*, which is rated suitable for children aged 12 and above, said it would now let players see what was in the randomised packs of virtual items before they bought them.

Loot boxes, which are not considered gambling in the UK, appear in a number of games and have been described as “gambling-like” by the charity GambleAware.

The move was welcomed by GambleAware and also the UK’s Gambling Commission, which had previously warned that loot boxes risked

“blurring the lines” between video games and gambling.

Brad Enright, the Gambling Commission programme director, said: “*Fortnite*’s reported decision demonstrates that sensible steps can be taken by the games industry to address the concern about loot boxes as a form of gambling.”

Jane Rigbye, the director of education at GambleAware, added: “We welcome Epic Games taking this initial step with *Fortnite*.”

Fortnite loot boxes – called V-Buck Llamas – allowed players to purchase brightly coloured piñatas that can be cracked open to find a random selection of in-game items.

Epic Games said new X-Ray Llamas would let players preview what items they contained.



Who’s that girl? Annie Lennox is embracing fashion in her 60s, saying: “Women of my age don’t have to become invisible.” The full interview is in the March issue of *Good Housekeeping*, on sale tomorrow.



Teenager studying childcare abused girls as young as two

By **Jack Hardy**

A TEENAGER believed to be one of Britain’s youngest paedophiles has been jailed for sexually abusing girls as young as two.

Sophie Elms, 18, filmed the abuse she committed on two preschool-aged children and sent it to another predator.

She also took indecent photographs of a third girl and downloaded other indecent images from the internet, Swindon Crown Court heard.

Elms, a childcare student at Swindon College, was arrested after police traced images discovered on a convicted sex offender’s mobile phone back to her.

Hannah Squire, prosecuting, said Elms committed most of the offences when she was 17, although the offending began when she was 16. “It is not

possible to be certain of the date Sophie Elms began contact with David Geering, a known child sex offender, who is now serving a sentence of 15 years which was imposed in November 2018,” she said.

What started as innocuous photos of children soon escalated to increasingly explicit images. At a previous hearing, Elms, of Station Road, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wilts, pleaded guilty to two charges of sexual assault by penetration, two of sexual assault by touching, four of taking indecent images, six of distributing indecent images and two of possessing extreme pornography.

Judge Jason Taylor QC gave her seven years and 10 months in detention, placed her on the sex offenders register indefinitely and made her subject of a sexual harm prevention order.

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Shoreham survivors tell of fireball horror

Witnesses injured in air crash recall ‘burning up’ as vintage plane came down near main road, killing 11

By Jack Hardy

SURVIVORS of the Shoreham air crash yesterday described the moment the blast engulfed them as they watched the display from the roadside.

The Old Bailey heard a string of harrowing accounts from those closest to the explosion, including a driver

who jumped from a moving car, a cyclist who thought he was about to be “consumed by burning oil” and a father thrown off his feet into a child’s buggy.

Pilot Andrew Hill, 54, is accused of manslaughter after his vintage fighter jet crashed near the A27 in West Sussex during a botched stunt in August 2015, killing 11 people.

Paul Snellgrove had been watching the show with his family, including his granddaughter, who was in a buggy, when the Hawker Hunter jet began its doomed loop-the-loop.

At first he thought it was going to do an “impressive manoeuvre” but then

noticed it was going slow and low, the court heard. He described being thrown over the buggy with the force of the blast.

“I started to feel a burning sensation down my face,” he said. “I was in absolute agony. My daughter said ‘Dad, your face and ears are gone’. I shouted ‘Run’. Everyone that I had seen before the crash had gone. I don’t know what happened to them.”

He said he was on the point of passing out but was told to stay awake before he was treated at the scene.

“I was in a real state and people asked me what happened. I just wanted

to be reunited with my family,” he added. Another survivor, software engineer Thomas Milburn, from Worthing, had cycled to Shoreham and was taking pictures near the road.

He told jurors: “I thought it was going to hit me. From my sitting position I immediately lay down, put my head in my hands and closed my eyes.

“I heard an explosion. I felt a wave of pressure coming towards me. Through my eyelids I saw a bright orange light. I felt extreme heat through my skin. I really thought I was going to die. I thought I would be consumed by burning fuel. I realised I had been engulfed

or partially engulfed by a fireball. Everything around me was silent.”

He ran to safety and was later treated for burns to his arms, legs and back.

Retired Peter Reed leapt from his burning car while it was still moving to escape the carnage. He said he began to panic when he heard a “massive bang”.

“I had the strong impression that my vehicle was on fire and it was going to explode,” he said.

“I decided I needed to get out of my still-moving vehicle. I leapt out of my car. I saw my car continuing along the road, finally coming to a stop.

“I felt my arms were hot where I had

been burnt but otherwise I felt unscathed.” Since the crash, Mr Reed said he had suffered flashbacks and had difficulty sleeping.

The jury was later shown footage of the Hunter attempting the loop-the-loop stunt. The plane came down and disappeared from view before flames flared over the line of trees.

Moments before the crash a commentator was heard saying: “That’s such a beautiful airplane.”

Hill, of Sandon, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, denies 11 charges of manslaughter by gross negligence.

The trial continues.

Leonardo’s secrets exposed after 20-year investigation

By Hannah Furness
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Collection has unveiled the results of a 20-year project to discover the secret working life of Leonardo da Vinci, as experts use cutting-edge technology to learn more about his artistic process.

Alan Donnithorne, former head of paper conservation at the Royal Collection Trust, has spent two decades examining 80 of Leonardo’s drawings, applying microscopy, ultraviolet imaging, infrared reflectography (IRR) and X-ray fluorescence to discover the never-before-seen secrets behind the works the public know and love.

In one ink drawing, *Studies for the Head of Leda*, c.1505-08, the artist is



New technology shows that Leonardo’s ‘A Man Tricked by Gypsies’ was drawn without any draft sketches

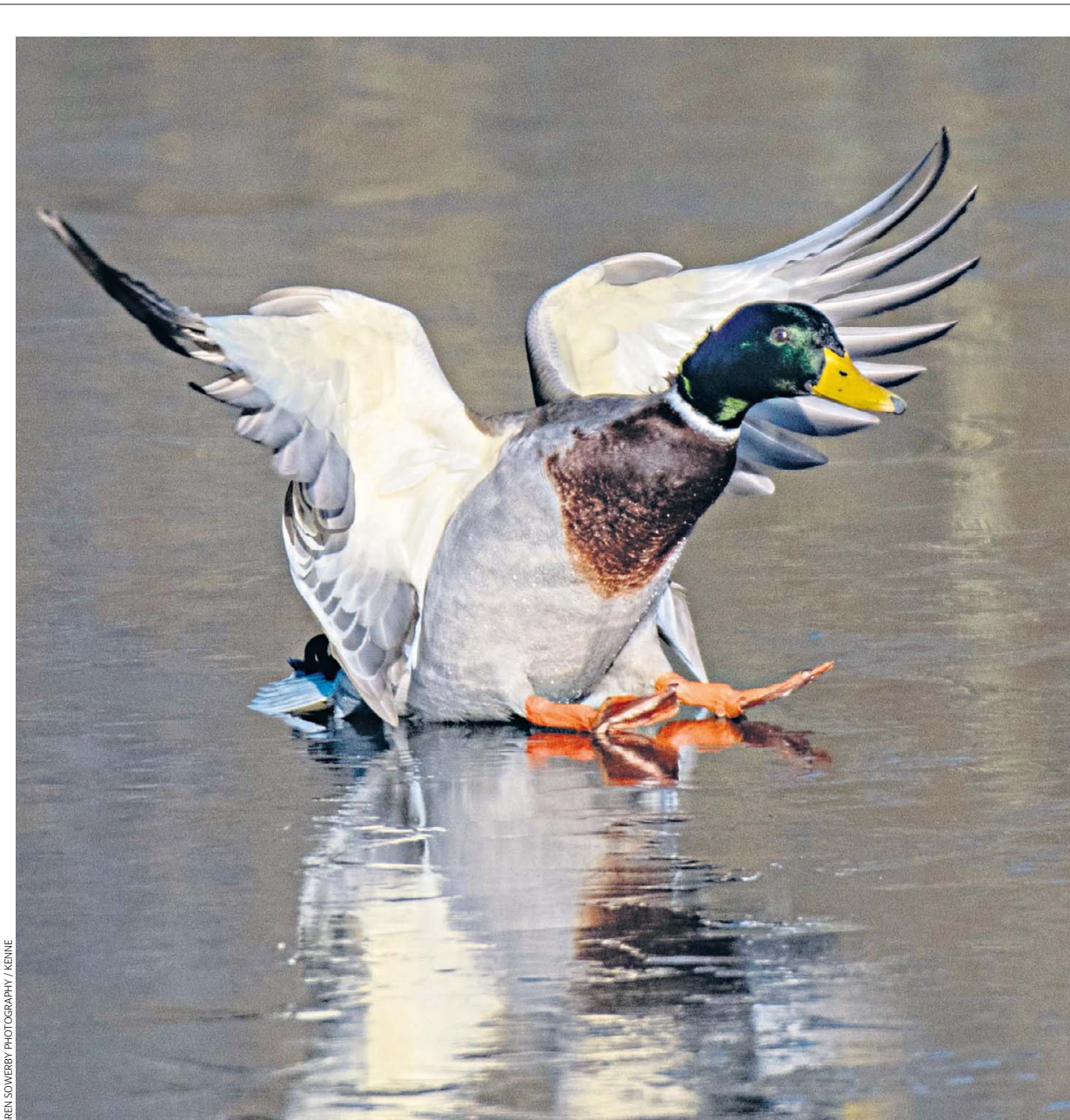
shown to have changed Leda’s pose from his first attempts to the final work, with the original black chalk attempts now visible thanks to IRR.

The same imaging technology showed that Leonardo’s *A Man Tricked by Gypsies*, c.1493, was drawn with “complete fluidity”, with no draft versions visible.

The drawing of *The Cardiovascular System and Principal Organs of a Woman*, c.1509-10, shows a remarkably complete version of Leonardo’s fingerprint, suggesting he picked up the finished work with ink-stained fingers.

Experts also identified a “wide range of paper types unusual for the time” which included miscellaneous fragments of wood chips, hair, wool and insect parts, possibly sweepings from the mill floor.

The findings appear in a new book, *Leonardo da Vinci: A Closer Look*, which is to be published on Feb 7 to coincide with the opening of 12 simultaneous UK exhibitions of Leonardo’s drawings from the Royal Collection to mark the 500th anniversary of the artist’s death.



GREY SOWERBY PHOTOGRAPHY / KENNE

Heavy weather A duck slips on a frozen pond as Britain braces for several days of wintry conditions. The Met Office says up to 10cm of snow could settle this week, with snow storms sweeping the country from today.

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Victim’s family launches civil action against speedboat killer

By Victoria Ward

THE father of the victim of a fatal speedboat crash has taken out a civil claim against his daughter’s killer.

Graham Brown, 55, revealed he had lodged a civil action against Jack Shepherd in the months after Charlotte Brown, 24, died after being flung from his boat in an accident on the Thames.

At the time, it was not clear whether there would be a criminal case, as it took the CPS almost two years to charge Shepherd, 31, with manslaughter by gross negligence.

The action was put on hold pending the criminal trial, which went ahead in Shepherd’s absence after he went on the run, but is now going through.

Mr Brown said the claim was for £11,000, the maximum available in

‘I don’t expect to see a penny but ... I was determined to do it just to make his life a little bit harder’

such a case, which would only “just about cover Charlotte’s funeral cost”.

But he said he was not doing it for the money. “I don’t expect to see a penny, but it should ensure some county court judgments against him.

“I was determined to do it just to make his life a little bit harder,” he said.

Shepherd fled to Georgia last March and lived there for 10 months before handing himself in to police last week. His lawyers have vowed to fight extradition, claiming his life could be in danger in a British prison if he returned to serve his six-year sentence.

Shepherd’s finances are being investigated after it emerged he was paying his Georgian legal team fees of up to £15,000 and took out loans totalling £50,000 before going on the run. He could be forced to pay back more than £30,000 in legal aid if found to have moved assets to avoid detection.

Shepherd is being held in a cell with two other inmates and “feels safe and well”, his lawyer said.

He is understood to have written an open letter explaining his version of the night Miss Brown lost her life. He has complained that the jurors who convicted him did not hear his side of the story because he absconded.

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Driver who killed four in police chase sneered he would do it all again

By Victoria Ward

A JUDGE has urged Parliament to introduce tougher sentences for people who cause multiple deaths by dangerous driving as he jailed two brothers who killed four people in a high-speed chase. Judge Jeremy Richardson QC, Recorder of Sheffield, said he was frustrated that he could not deliver longer sentences for what he described as one of the worst examples of dangerous driving it had been his misfortune to consider. He said: "It was both chilling and breathtaking in its horror."

Elliott Bower, 19, was jailed for 11 years and six months for careering into a people carrier at 79mph after hurtling through the streets in a stolen car and taunting police on social media.

He was told he would have been given the maximum 14 years had he not pleaded guilty. His brother Declan Bower, 23, and passenger Mason Cartledge, now 18, were each sentenced to seven years and 10 months for their involvement in the crash that killed a father, his baby son and a married couple.

Judge Richardson said he would send his sentencing remarks to the Secretary of State for Transport. While it was not for him to suggest changes in the law, he said, it may be worth considering that in "exceptional, serious" cases involving multiple deaths, judges should be able to go beyond the current maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

The Ministry of Justice vowed in 2017 to implement tougher sentences for killer drivers by raising the maxi-



Elliott Bower, far right, and brother Declan, were involved in the crash that killed Adnan Ashraf Jarral and his baby boy, above

mum sentence to life. A spokesman said last night: "We will do this as soon as parliamentary time allows."

Doncaster Crown Court heard the Bower brothers were wanted by police at the time of the crash and had earlier posted a picture of themselves on social media with the caption "f--- da police". It showed the brothers "grinning inanely", with Elliott Bower holding up his middle finger. It was described by prosecutor Richard Wright QC as a "deliberate and gratuitous taunt" to police. On the evening of the crash, he drove

a stolen VW Golf through built-up areas of Sheffield at more than 100mph. He led a marked police vehicle on a five-minute chase for six miles in dark and wet conditions, driving on the wrong side of the road, on a blind bend, and the wrong way around a roundabout. Video footage from the police car showed it struggling to keep up.

The chase ended when the Golf ploughed into a Volkswagen Touran containing members of two families who were just yards from arriving home.

Driver Adnan Ashraf Jarral, 35, died alongside his 16-month-old son, Muhammed Usman Bin Adnan, and a married couple, Vlasta Dunova, 41, and Miroslav Duna, 50. The three survivors – Mr Jarral's wife Erica Kroschenova, Ms Dunova and Mr Duna's 22-year-old daughter Nikola Dunova and her three-year-old daughter Livia Matova – were all seriously injured.

After the crash, Elliott Bower told arresting officers: "You can remand me if you like, I'll get out and I'll do bang the same thing again and you lot will have to chase me."

Judge Richardson told the defendants: "Each one of you thinks of himself as a local villain who enjoys committing crime. Two of you, the Bower brothers, both enjoy taunting the police."

"In truth, you are nothing more than a somewhat miserably inadequate group of deeply malevolent local criminals. You have visited a catastrophe of the highest magnitude on two families."



Student 'broke his neck wrestling teacher'

By Jack Hardy

A STUDENT claims he was left with a broken neck after allegedly being forced to take part in a "wrestling match" against his teacher.

Imaam Usman, 18, needed to have a metal plate put into his neck after the staff member – said to be twice his size – fell on him during the tussle.

Bradford College has launched an investigation into the incident, which



happened on Dec 7 during a class for a BTEC diploma in public services.

The teacher was said to have wanted

to demonstrate the key skills that Mr Usman, who weighs 8st, would need to fulfil his ambition of becoming a police officer. It is understood the allegation that Mr Usman was forced to take part in the activity is disputed by others, with the circumstances of the injury a focus of the school's investigation.

A spokesman for Bradford College said: "The safety of students and staff is paramount and any incidents are treated with the utmost seriousness."

Pc tells of suicidal thoughts over probe wait

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

A POLICE officer who was suspended for more than three years has revealed she tried to take her own life due to the stress of waiting for her misconduct hearing.

Rachel Short was removed from her duties at Devon and Cornwall Police in 2014 when she embarked on an "intimate" relationship with a man being investigated for drugs offences. The

former acting detective sergeant had to wait three years and 136 days for misconduct proceedings to be concluded as a panel found she had breached the force's standards of professional behaviour. She is appealing against the decision.

Ms Short, who joined the force in 2004, resigned before the hearing and said the trauma of being kept waiting to answer the allegations against her led to an attempt to take her own life.

Devon and Cornwall Police said misconduct cases had to be thoroughly investigated and welfare support was provided. It said the case was delayed by issues outside of its control.

The Home Office said it was working "to ensure a more effective, timely and fairer hearing process" in misconduct cases. The Police Federation said there was "no other field of work" where the threat of losing their job could hang over employees for so long.

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Low blood pressure cuts risk of dementia

Change of lifestyle and intensive treatment reduces chance of mild memory issues by a fifth

By Laura Donnelly HEALTH EDITOR

LOWERING blood pressure could cut risk factors for Alzheimer's disease by a fifth, landmark research suggests. The study of more than 9,000 people found that when blood pressure was cut well below the levels normally recommended, the chance of suffering memory problems was reduced. Researchers said it was the first time

that a single intervention has been shown to lower the chance of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) – a condition that often leads to dementia.

Participants who reduced their blood pressure to a top reading of 120 – instead of 140 – were 19 per cent less likely to develop MCI, the study found. They also had fewer signs of damage on brain scans – and there were fewer cases of dementia.

Last year, US authorities changed the definition of hypertension from 140mmHg to 130mmHg – making millions more people eligible for drugs to combat the problem.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, England's health

watchdog, will announce whether it will follow later this year.

Such changes could mean half of adults would be recommended to take medication.

High blood pressure affects more than half of people aged over 50 and more than three quarters of over-65s. By the age of 80, around one in six people will develop dementia.

Prof Jeff Williamson, the lead investigator and a gerontologist at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, said: "We found just three years of lowering blood pressure not only dramatically helped the heart but also helped the brain."

Lenore J. Launer, the co-author of

19pc

The percentage less likely you are to develop mild cognitive impairment by reducing your blood pressure to 120mmHg

the study, said: "This is a landmark study in that it is the first trial of its size and scope to look at a modifiable risk factor for dementia and MCI."

The study, published in *JAMA*, involved 9,361 volunteers diagnosed with hypertension. They were chosen at random to achieve a systolic blood pressure goal of either less than

120mmHg or 140mmHg through a combination of drugs and lifestyle changes.

The study found that the chance of dementia was 15 per cent lower among the group with low pressure. However, numbers with dementia were small in both groups, and researchers said this result did not show statistical significance. The study was stopped early due to the success of the trial in reducing cardiovascular disease.

As a result, participants were on intensive blood pressure lowering treatment for a shorter period than originally planned.

This may have made it difficult to accurately determine the role of inten-

sive blood-pressure control on cases of dementia, given it takes longer to develop, researchers said.

A follow-up study will track the patients for two more years, in the hope that a definitive link between dementia and blood pressure can be established.

Dr Rosa Sancho, the head of research at Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "We know having high blood pressure is a risk factor for dementia as well as other health conditions and that controlling it can have wide-ranging benefits.

"This study suggests that treating high blood pressure intensively to maintain it in the ideal, healthy range may help to reduce the risk of mild memory and thinking problems."

Risk of pothole damage to cars doubles in a decade

By Katie Morley CONSUMER AFFAIRS EDITOR

DRIVERS are almost three times more likely to suffer pothole damage to their vehicle than they were a decade ago, research has found.

The RAC said its patrols received 1,714 call-outs between October and December for problems usually caused by road defects, such as damaged shock absorbers, broken suspension springs and distorted wheels.

Pothole-type damage represented 0.8 per cent of all RAC breakdown reports in that period, which is the lowest amount for the final three months of any year since 2013.

However, the firm warned that the chance of a vehicle suffering pothole damage was still two and a half times

'The next two quarters will be particularly telling if temperatures plummet and water gets into road defects'

higher than it was 13 years ago. One in five local roads in England and Wales is in a poor condition and road resurfacing has declined, according to the Asphalt Industry Alliance.

The AA has said learner drivers should have to prove they can spot potholes to pass the driving test.

Simon Williams, the RAC's breakdown spokesman, said that while its patrols had seen an uptick in road quality in the past year, "Those responsible for our roads have much to do to restore drivers' faith as too many suffer the consequences of potholes on a daily basis. The next two quarters will be particularly telling if temperatures plummet and water gets into road defects, freezes and expands, causing further deterioration in surfaces."

Martin Tett, the Local Government Association's transport spokesman, said: "Councils are fixing a pothole every 21 seconds but this report underlines the chronic need for more investment in existing local roads."



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True grit Holly Rush, a 41-year-old sports therapist and ultra runner from Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, descends a sand dune during a 112-mile run over four days from Dubai to Oman as part of the Asics Coast to Coast Adventure. Rush posted on Twitter after the event: "I can't decide if I need a hug, an XL coffee, 6 shots of vodka or 2 weeks sleep".

Sleep loss is a pain – literally: it makes the body less resilient

By Henry Bodkin SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

POOR sleep can heighten sensitivity to pain, research suggests.

Scientists conducted an experiment in which volunteers were "tortured" after sleeping well or badly.

The 25 young participants had uncomfortable levels of heat applied to their legs. They rated their thermal pain on a scale of one to 10, generally reporting discomfort at around 44C. After having their baseline pain sensi-

tivity recorded following a full night's sleep, the volunteers underwent the same experience, but this time when they were sleep-deprived.

Generally, they reported feeling pain sooner, typically at around 41.6C.

Adam Krause, from the University of California at Berkeley, said: "Across the group, they were feeling discomfort at lower temperatures, which shows that their own sensitivity to pain had increased after inadequate sleep.

"The injury is the same, but the difference is how the brain assesses the

pain without sufficient sleep." The findings, published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, suggest sleep must be placed "close to the centre of patient care" – especially in hospitals, said the scientists.

Brain scans conducted alongside the tests showed sleep loss not only amplified pain-sensing regions of the brain, but blocked pain-suppressing centres.

An online survey carried out among 230 adults of all ages suggested even minor shifts in sleep and wake patterns affected pain sensitivity. "The results

41.6C

The temperature at which sleep-deprived participants reported feeling pain, compared to 44C after a good night's sleep

clearly show that even very subtle changes in nightly sleep – reductions that many of us think little of in terms of consequences – have a clear impact on your next day pain burden," said Mr

Krause, a PhD student and the study's lead author.

Another key brain region found to slow down in the sleep-deprived brain was the insula, which evaluates pain signals and places them in context to prepare the body to respond.

"This is a critical neural system that assesses and categorises the pain signals and allows the body's own natural painkillers to come to the rescue," said Mr Krause. Brain imaging after a sleepless night showed marked increases in activity in the somatosensory cortex

but less activity in the nucleus accumbens, a region of the brain's circuitry that, among other functions, increases dopamine levels to relieve pain.

"The optimistic takeaway here is that sleep is a natural analgesic that can help manage and lower pain," said Matthew Walker, a UC Berkeley professor of neuroscience and psychology and author of the bestseller *Why We Sleep*.

"Yet ironically, one environment where people are in the most pain is the worst place for sleep – the noisy hospital ward."

Chef quits BBC after harassment claims

◆ A television chef has left a BBC cookery show in the wake of sexual harassment allegations made against him by his restaurant staff.

Dan Doherty, 33, confirmed yesterday that he had walked away from *Britain's Best Home Cook*.

Mr Doherty starred alongside Mary Berry as a judge in the first series and was due to appear in a second.

Allegations that Mr Doherty had asked a female staff member at his gastropub, The Royal Oak in Marylebone, for oral sex – and said to others that he'd wished to see them "without their kitchen whites on" – were reported in *The Sunday Times*.

He released a statement afterwards saying he would "never intentionally make offensive comments" to his workers, and apologised for "any offence" he had caused.

Mr Doherty said on Twitter: "In the wake of the recent newspaper reports, I've decided to step away from ... *Britain's Best Home Cook*. I loved my experience of working on the show."

The Royal Oak yesterday said it had parted ways with Mr Doherty "with immediate effect", adding: "We will not be making any further comment about the reported incidents."

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Reforms could hand pensioners £25m

◆ Measures to improve the retirement outcomes of up to 100,000 people each year, potentially making them a total of £25million better off, have been proposed by the City regulator.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is consulting on plans to prevent consumers losing out when they access their pension freedoms, which offer over-55s a wide range of choices on what to do with their savings pots.

Generally, the first 25 per cent of pension pots can be taken tax-free. But the FCA is worried that while people are often focused on their tax-free cash they may not be considering how their money is invested. Customers can take

the "path of least resistance" when money is drawn down, potentially meaning it is not being invested in a way that meets their needs.

About 100,000 customers entered drawdown without taking financial advice each year, the FCA found, and around one in three did not know where their cash was being invested.

It wants firms to offer customers ready-made "investment pathways" that broadly meet their aims.

It is also proposing that investments should not be defaulted into cash savings, unless the consumer actively chooses that option, and wants firms to be clearer about fees and charges.



ROBERT MELN/VALES NEWS SERVICE

Marking the spot The grave of Pte John Connolly, a Rorke's Drift hero, is marked with a headstone 113 years after he was buried at Danygraig Cemetery, Swansea.

Home owners protest at 50ft pile of cars

◆ Pensioners have been left outraged after piles of old vehicles at a nearby car scrapyard reached 50ft high behind their homes.

Residents in Poole, Dorset, described the five-storey stacks of cars as a "hideous monstrosity" which now dwarfs their bungalows. They also warned the giant structure could be a fire hazard amid fears over a repeat of a blaze that swept through the compound in 2016 when more than 170 vehicles were destroyed.

Charles Trent, the firm which owns the scrapyard, said the stacking system enabled vehicles to be piled up in a "more modern and cleaner way".

However, retired engineer Charles Caffey, 73, claimed the "eyesore" that backs on to his home has blocked out natural light and is a safety risk.

Poole council has written to the scrapyard owner and said it was "investigating" amid claims the structure may need planning permission. However, the owner insists the pile of cars is legal due to a loophole in planning laws.

Ken Parke, a planning consultancy that has applied for a lawful development certificate, said: "The racks are lawful on the basis that their siting does not constitute a material change of use of the land."

Fraudsters target accountant at the gym

◆ An accountant had thousands of pounds stolen from his savings after fraudsters watched him enter his gym locker entry code before stealing his wallet and going on a spending spree.

Matthew Spencer believes he was targeted while visiting a gym in Canary Wharf. The 36-year-old had been saving the cash for a house deposit, and has now been told by his bank that he won't be getting his money back, according to *The Sun*.

Mr Spencer believes he was watched while in the changing rooms of his gym. He said he used the same pin for his locker as he did for his credit card, giving the fraudsters

access to his current account.

They spent £5,000 on MacBooks in John Lewis, £500 at Mayfair restaurant Roka, and withdrew thousands of pounds in cash.

Mr Spencer's bank is refusing to refund the money.

He said: "They know my spending patterns, and I'm very disappointed with how they've treated me. The whole situation has caused me considerable frustration."

A spokesman for the bank said a final response had been issued and they were unable to comment further due to the case being reviewed by the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Maduro rival urges Bank to safeguard £1bn in gold

British minister suggests that Mark Carney should decline to release bullion to Venezuela's dictator

By **Harriet Alexander** in New York, **Cody Weddle** in Caracas and **Anna Isaac**

A BRITISH minister yesterday suggested that the Bank of England should decline to release £1billion of gold to

Venezuela's dictator after the country's opposition leader wrote to Theresa May, the Prime Minister.
Juan Guaidó, who last week declared himself the country's legitimate ruler and was recognised as such by the US, has written to Mark Carney, the Bank's governor, copying the letter to Mrs May, to ask that the gold be withheld from Nicolás Maduro.
In his letter, the 35-year-old said: "I am writing to ask you to stop this illegitimate transaction. If the money is transferred it will be used by the ille-

gitimate and kleptocratic regime of Nicolás Maduro to repress and brutalise the Venezuelan people."
Sir Alan Duncan, the minister for the Americas, yesterday said it was a decision for the Bank, and suggested they should decline to release the gold.
"The Bank holds a significant amount of Venezuela's gold. This is a decision for them, not government," he said. "No doubt they will take into account the fact that a number of countries are questioning the legitimacy of Nicolás Maduro and recognising that of

Juan Guaidó." Mr Maduro has been attempting to repatriate the gold from the vaults since last year. The bullion in London makes up 15 per cent of Venezuela's foreign currency reserves.
The Daily Telegraph understands that each request for a release of gold made to the Bank of England is subject to fresh risk assessment procedures.
The *Caracas Chronicles*, a Venezuelan publication, claimed the Bank had twice refused gold transaction requests from the regime citing "compliance-related reasons". A spokesman said:

"The Bank does not comment on any [of its client] relationships."
Last night the US announced new sanctions targeting Venezuela's oil sector, with Steve Mnuchin, the treasury secretary, saying the oil was a "valuable asset that we are protecting for the Venezuelan people".
From now on, oil revenues must be placed in "blocked accounts", which cannot be accessed by Mr Maduro.
Mr Maduro last night took to state television to call the potentially crippling US sanctions "criminal". He ac-

cused the US of robbing Venezuelans and said, in a direct message to Donald Trump, "Hands off Venezuela!"
He welcomed home returning diplomats, as both the US and Venezuela reduced missions abroad to skeleton staff.
Several EU countries have said that Mr Maduro has eight days to call elections and end the standoff, or else they will back Mr Guaidó.
Pope Francis said he was afraid the crisis would become "a bloodbath".

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Ex-Starbucks CEO considers running for the US presidency

By **Ben Riley-Smith** US EDITOR

DONALD TRUMP yesterday said Howard Schultz, the former Starbucks CEO, did not have the "guts" to run for US president and questioned his intellect just 24 hours after he announced a possible White House bid.
Mr Schultz, who led the coffee chain for three decades, said on Sunday night that he was "seriously considering" running for the 2020 presidency as an



Howard Schulz was mocked by President Trump after saying that he is considering challenging him for leadership

independent candidate. His pitch was treated with disdain by some Democrats, who fear his candidacy would take votes off their party and hand Mr Trump a second term.
During an interview with CBS News show *60 Minutes*, the 65-year-old said he was not always the smartest person in the room but can build teams of people who are "more skilled" than himself.
He waved away concerns that a "tweet-storm" from Mr Trump would follow his appearance, saying: "I think, like most people, I've become bored with President Trump and his tweets."
But Mr Trump obliged, posting on Twitter yesterday morning: "Howard Schultz doesn't have the 'guts' to run for President! Watched him on *60 Minutes* last night and I agree with him that he is not the 'smartest person'"



ADALBERTO ROQUE/AP/GETTY IMAGES

Trail of destruction Three people died and more than 170 were injured after an "extraordinary" tornado struck Havana, the Cuban capital, yesterday. Images posted on social media showed collapsed buildings, uprooted trees and damaged power lines.

China jails leading human rights lawyer in 'gross injustice'

By **Sophia Yan** in Beijing

A PROMINENT Chinese human rights lawyer has been sentenced to four and a half years in prison after being found guilty of subversion of state power, three years after he was detained in a crackdown on lawyers and activists.
Wang Quanzhang, 42, was the final case awaiting a verdict following the arrest of 250 Chinese rights lawyers in 2015, known as the "709 crackdown", a reference to July 9, the date it began.
A court in Tianjin announced its verdict yesterday in a one-sentence statement. Mr Wang, who defended political activists and victims of land seizures, was also deprived of "political rights" for five years in China, the statement said, but did not reveal further details.
Human rights experts have criticised the treatment of Mr Wang, who was first detained in August 2015. No further details emerged until July last year, when it was revealed he was alive and being held in Tianjin.
His trial in December was a closed hearing which neither his lawyers nor family were able to attend. Li Wenzu, his wife, was prevented from leaving her apartment complex, so she could not attend, rights experts claimed.
"The verdict makes a mockery of the 'rule of law' the Xi Jinping government claims it champions," said Yaqiu Wang, a Human Rights Watch researcher.
The verdict was a "gross injustice", according to Doriane Lau, China researcher for Amnesty International, which called for his release. "It is outrageous that Wang Quanzhang is being punished for peacefully standing up for human rights in China," she said.

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France’s hated speed limit cuts deaths to all-time low

Debate rages over 80kph restriction that fuelled ‘yellow vest’ protests despite improved safety

By Henry Samuel in Paris

ROAD deaths in mainland France have hit an all-time low just six months after the government introduced a controversial new 80kph (50mph) speed limit, it has been announced. But with anger from “yellow vests” mounting nationwide over the new restrictions – leading to 60 per cent of the

country’s speed traps being damaged or destroyed – the prime minister conceded that demands to row back on the limits were “legitimate” in some cases. Last year, some 3,250 people were killed in road traffic accidents in mainland France, nine fewer than the previous “record” in 2013. The fall came after three consecutive years of rising death tolls between 2014 and 2016 – an unprecedented spike since 1972, followed by a 2017 plateau. The rise prompted the government to cut speed limits on 400,000km (250,000miles) of two-way B-roads with no central reservation from 90kph (56mph) to 80kph last July. That

sparked howls of disapproval from automobile groups, who said the measure was another wheeze to fleece motorists via speed traps and even caused dangerous and environmentally unfriendly traffic jams. Some analysts said the speed limit was the initial catalyst for the *gilets jaunes* (yellow vests) movement, even before resistance erupted to a decision by Emmanuel Macron, the French president, to slap new green taxes on diesel and petrol in the New Year. Announcing the road deaths drop, Edouard Philippe, the prime minister, said the effects of the new restrictions were “without ambiguity” and that 116

lives had been saved because of them. “We took a decision that we knew was unpopular,” he said. “We are proud of the results, of the lives saved.” But 40 Millions d’Automobilistes, a

‘We took a decision that we knew was unpopular. We are proud of the results, of the lives saved’

French drivers’ organisation, pointed out that road deaths had already started to fall at the start of 2018 before the speed limit cut was implemented.

“Death rates had generally been slowing down, even a year before the speed limit,” said the group. In a nod to anger over the restrictions, Mr Philippe said it was “legitimate to discuss the issue” in the “great debate” launched by Mr Macron in a bid to defuse the *gilets jaunes* revolt. “But it would be mad to lower the level of ambition,” he added. “I wouldn’t want measures to be taken that would degrade this figure, raise the number of road accidents, the number of injured. We are proud to have shouldered our responsibilities.” Mr Philippe has stuck his neck out over the new speed limit, a source of

tension with Mr Macron, who reportedly blasted it as a “stupid mistake” of the prime minister’s doing and not in his electoral manifesto. The president has said he would be willing to find a more “intelligent way” of cutting deaths, while aides have let it be known they could be willing to grant local authorities the power to rescind the speed limits in certain cases. However, Chantal Perrichon, the president of the league against road violence, said that allowing local MPs or regional heads to set speed limits would herald a “return to feudalism, with barons who had the power of life and death over serfs”.



In the footsteps of the pharaohs
Emmanuel Macron, the French president, and his wife Brigitte visited the Abu Simbel rock temples, built in the 13th century BC, in southern Egypt on Sunday. Mr Macron was due to sign lucrative trade deals during his three-day visit, even as the “yellow vest” protests continued at home. He said he would raise the issue of human rights violations with Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, Egypt’s president.

Spanish gang ‘kidnaps migrant children’

By James Badcock in Madrid

SPANISH authorities have arrested five members of a gang accused of kidnapping migrant children from shelter homes and demanding ransoms from their families in Morocco. In raids on two properties in Puerto Real, Cadiz, the Guardia Civil found a Moroccan youth reported missing from a nearby migrant centre. Authorities believe the gang may

have carried out up to 20 kidnappings. The guardia said that during the raids they found 7lb of hashish, three computers, 10 mobile phones and €3,600. Those arrested – three Spanish citizens and two Moroccans aged between 27 and 36 – would allegedly approach minors when they were allowed out during the day and offer to help them gain residency permits. But the boys were taken prisoner, according to another Moroccan boy

snatched in similar circumstances, and the gang would call relatives in Morocco to demand up to €500 for their safe return. Last year Spanish police arrested a Moroccan gang in Algeiras that allegedly seized migrants from Africa as soon as they landed in Spain on small boats. The five men were accused of stealing the migrants’ phones and demanding ransoms of up to €2,000 from relatives.

Denmark builds a fence to save its bacon

By Justin Huggler in Berlin

DENMARK began constructing a 5ft-high and 43-mile-long fence along its border with Germany yesterday – to keep out wild boar. The Danish government says it is building the fence to prevent African swine fever crossing and devastating the country’s bacon industry. Construction on the £3.5million project has already begun, despite

there being no reported cases of the disease in Germany. “It is an insurance policy against the disease,” said Mogens Dall, the chairman of LandboSyd, a Danish agricultural association. “You also insure your house against fire, although it will probably never burn.” African swine fever, harmless to humans but almost always fatal in pigs, has spread into Europe, with cases reported in Belgium, Poland, the

Czech Republic, Hungary and the Baltic states. Denmark, the only EU country with more pigs than humans, fears an outbreak could severely affect its pork industry, worth £3.5 billion a year, and lead to 33,000 job losses. The fence is not popular in Germany, where regional politicians and animal rights activists say it will disturb wolves, otters and golden jackals and be ineffective against the wild boar.

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Guards use slingshot on monkeys of Taj Mahal

Guards at the Taj Mahal have armed themselves with slingshots to shoo away hordes of monkeys. The rhesus macaques which live nearby have been known to harass the 25,000 daily visitors to the monument. The catapults were chosen over more severe measures as most Hindus associate monkeys with Hanuman, the mythological god, and worship them.

Man who left busy gallery with painting arrested

A man suspected of snatching a 19th-century painting off the wall in a busy Moscow museum and calmly walking off with it has been arrested. The Russian interior ministry said a 31-year-old man was detained in a village outside Moscow. Police said they had recovered the artwork, a landscape by Arkhip Kuindzhi said to be valued at \$1million (£760,000).

Six family members killed by lightning strike

Six people from the same family were “killed on the spot” by a lightning strike in Madagascar while sheltering from a storm, officials said yesterday. The relatives – including a three-year-old child – were killed in the central village of Bakaro on Saturday while hiding in a thatched cottage. Another person suffered superficial burns.

Netherlands refuses to allow rescue ship to dock

The Netherlands yesterday refused an Italian request to take 47 migrants on a Dutch-flagged NGO rescue ship that Italy’s ports refused to allow to dock. Lennart Wegewijs, a spokesman for the Dutch ministry of justice and security, said that “without a firm idea of an overall solution, the Netherlands will not take part in ad hoc measures for disembarkation” of the ship.

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Freedom for wife jailed in Egypt for possession of illegal painkillers

By Jack Hardy and Raf Sanchez

A BRITISH woman who was jailed in Egypt for carrying outlawed painkillers in her suitcase has been released after more than a year behind bars.

Laura Plummer, 34, was arrested in possession of 290 Tramadol tablets at Hurghada airport in October 2017. She claimed they were to treat her Egyptian husband's back pain.

The opioid medicine – available on prescription in the UK – is banned in Egypt and the shop assistant from Hull was handed a three-year sentence on Boxing Day in 2017.

However, an application for early release sent after Ms Plummer had served a third of her time was accepted by the state, bringing to an end her 13-month ordeal.

She was one of nearly 7,000 prisoners cleared for release on Jan 25, an annual day of clemency for Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the president, to mark the anniversary of the Egyptian revolution in 2011.

Footage captured the moment she was led, handcuffed to a guard, out of custody in Cairo, where she had been held in Qanatar women's prison.

Within hours she was transferred to the police station at the Red Sea resort where she had first been arrested – this time to await a flight home.

Ms Plummer's family hope she will be back in Hull by midweek, according to her MP, but she has vowed to make her flight back to Britain the last time she visits Hurghada airport.

Karl Turner posted online: "I'm delighted that Laura Plummer was granted early release (one of 6,925 prisoners) on January 25th, the anniversary of Egypt's revolution."

He also expressed his gratitude to Alistair Burt, a minister for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and staff at the department for "everything they have done to support Laura from the outset".

Upon her release, Ms Plummer said the experience had at times resembled "hell" and claimed her explanations to state authorities had been ignored.

Her lawyers maintained she did not know Tramadol was illegal in Egypt and previously produced evidence



Laura Plummer was arrested while carrying 290 Tramadol tablets, which she said were for her husband

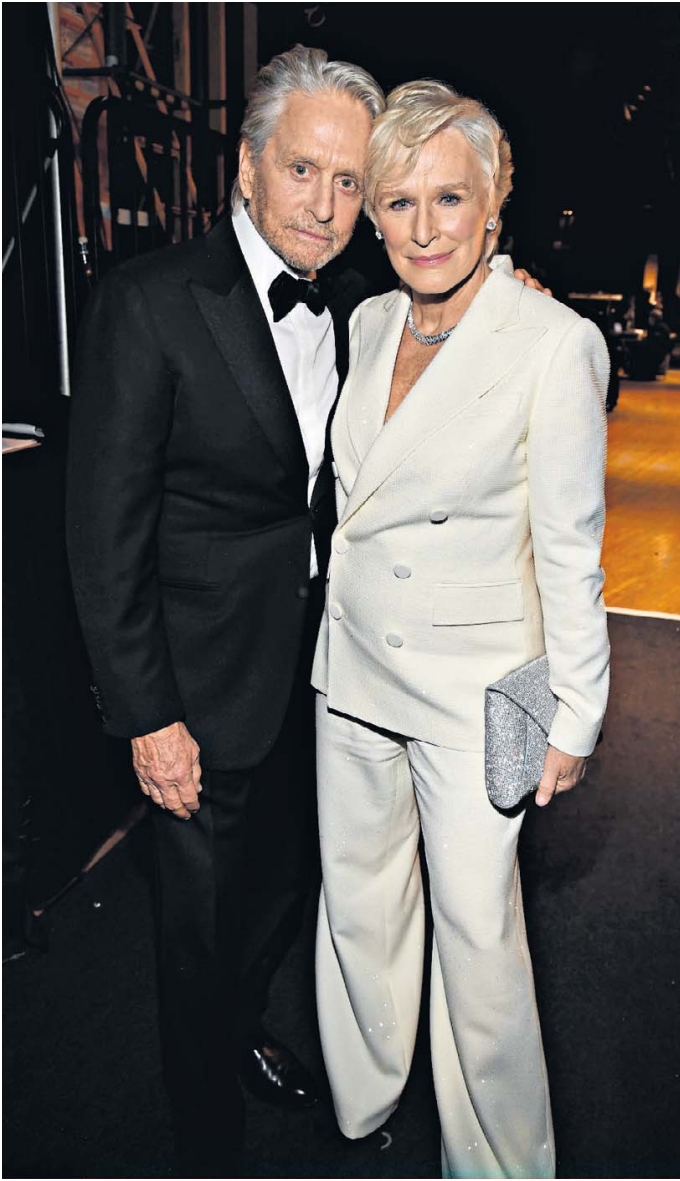
showing it was not mentioned in Foreign Office travel advice at the time.

An initial charge of drug smuggling – which in extreme cases is punishable by the death penalty in Egypt – was pared back to a lesser accusation of possession of an illegal substance.

Translation problems at her trial further hampered matters when a judge took one of her answers as a "confession", despite Ms Plummer meaning to insist she was innocent.

Hopes were again dashed the following month, when the prospect of a pardon was floated ahead of the Jan 25 releases, but failed to materialise.

Omar Caboo, her husband, will remain in Egypt following her release. "I wanted to help Omar and do a kind thing and I ended up in prison," Ms Plummer told *The Sun* yesterday.



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Old rabbits die hard

Glenn Close and Michael Douglas at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, where they presented an award, almost 32 years since they starred with one another in *Fatal Attraction*, the original "bunny-boiler" film. Close was named best leading actress for her role in *The Wife*, where she played the spouse of a writer awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature alongside Jonathan Pryce. Close has also been nominated for an Academy Award for the role. Douglas was nominated for two awards for his part in *The Kominsky Method*.

Carey urged to scrap Saudi gig over jailing of female activists

By Josie Ensor
MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

MARIAH CAREY has been urged to boycott an upcoming performance in Saudi Arabia in protest at the jailing of women's rights activists.

The American singer is due to appear at a concert on Thursday on the sidelines of the kingdom's first international golf tournament.

She would be the most famous Western female singer to perform in the country since Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman introduced social reforms and loosened his grip on the entertainment industry.

But while Saudi women have recently gained the right to drive, the kingdom has since imprisoned and tortured a number of the campaigners.

CodePink, a women's activist group, called on Carey not to "artwash" Riyadh, and urged her and the other performers, the Dutch DJ Tiesto, and Sean Paul, a Jamaican rapper, to cancel the show.



Mariah Carey is under pressure from women's rights activists to boycott an upcoming concert in Saudi Arabia

"Doesn't she know Saudi Arabia is one of the most repressive and murderous regimes on the planet?" the group said in a statement.

The sister of Loujain al-Hathloul, the most prominent activist arrested in a crackdown last year, asked the singer to thank her on stage.

She tweeted: "Thanks to my sister, you r able to perform in Saudi Arabia [sic]. I wish she can attend your concert. But she's locked behind bars."

Prince Mohammed has lifted bans on gender segregation at concerts but his reforms have been overshadowed by the killing of the dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and human rights abuses in Yemen.

Jackson family attacks 'abuse' documentary

By Our Foreign Staff

MICHAEL JACKSON'S family is said to be furious that a new documentary has refocused attention on two men who have accused the late singer of sexually assaulting them as boys.

The family released a statement yesterday denouncing *Leaving Neverland*, a documentary film featuring Wade Robson and James

Safechuck, Jackson's accusers, that premiered last week at the Sundance Film Festival and is set to air in the spring on HBO and Channel 4.

The statement said: "We can't just stand by while this public lynching goes on... Michael is not here to defend himself, otherwise these allegations would not have been made."

The family points out that Jackson was subjected to a thorough

investigation and was acquitted at a criminal trial in 2005, in a case involving another young man.

In that trial, Mr Robson testified that he had slept in Jackson's room many times, but that the star had never molested him. Mr Safechuck made similar statements to investigators.

Dan Reed, the film's director, has said he has no doubts about the men's validity. Jackson died in 2009.

Tragic tale of the loneliest duck in the world

By Our Foreign Staff

A DUCK named Trevor that lived all alone on a tiny Pacific island has died.

The fowl found fame last year after a New Zealand journalist discovered it had become such a local landmark on Niue that it was even used for directions.

"Someone said, 'Turn right past the duck'" said Claire Trevett, who was so taken with the story of the so-called



Trevor the mallard lived alone on Niue

"loneliest duck in the world" that she flew seven hours across the Pacific to see it. It is thought it made the island his home after having been blown off course. Niue has no standing water, but firemen maintained a large puddle for the duck, which was eventually named – improbably – after Trevor Mallard, a New Zealand politician.

Unfortunately, the duck was killed by dogs last weekend.

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Why shouldn't middle-class students become apprentices?

SAMEEHA SHAIKH



Perhaps I am not your usual apprentice. In fact, such a path seemed inconceivable to me just a few years ago, during the careers advice sessions we were given in my final year of college. Conversations with my teachers all followed a similar pattern: “Apprenticeships can only help those who want to work in manual industries,” I was told. And “apprenticeships are not valued as highly as degrees”. After graduating from university, however, I soon realised that three years spent memorising passages from Keats and exploring the theme of morality in the works of Samuel Taylor Coleridge had not equipped me with the skills and experience I needed to land my first job. After two years of struggling to get my foot in the door, my big break came in the form of a journalism apprenticeship programme at this newspaper.

I wonder if the Higher Education Commission, led by Lord Norton of Louth, would approve. The commission has criticised a “middle-class grab” for degree apprenticeships (which combine university degrees and work experience, and guarantee a graduate job at the end). It published a report yesterday which found that poorer young people are missing out because so few placements are a reasonable commutable distance from deprived areas.

It is, of course, completely unacceptable that some teenagers from disadvantaged backgrounds are missing out on such opportunities because they cannot afford to live away from home. One possible solution would be to make means-tested maintenance loans available to cover living costs.

But is it a problem, per se, if the middle class are embracing apprenticeships in larger numbers? I don't think so. If anything,

politicians should be shouting about it from the rooftops.

The problem, as I found out at school, is that there is still a stigma attached to apprenticeships. They are widely viewed as suitable only for people who are “good with their hands”, or who are not considered intelligent enough for university. They are all too easily pigeonholed as “only for the working-class” – the best that a student who failed the 11+, or who did not do brilliantly in their GCSEs, can hope for.

As a consequence, people who would benefit from learning while working – either instead of university or afterwards – are missing out.

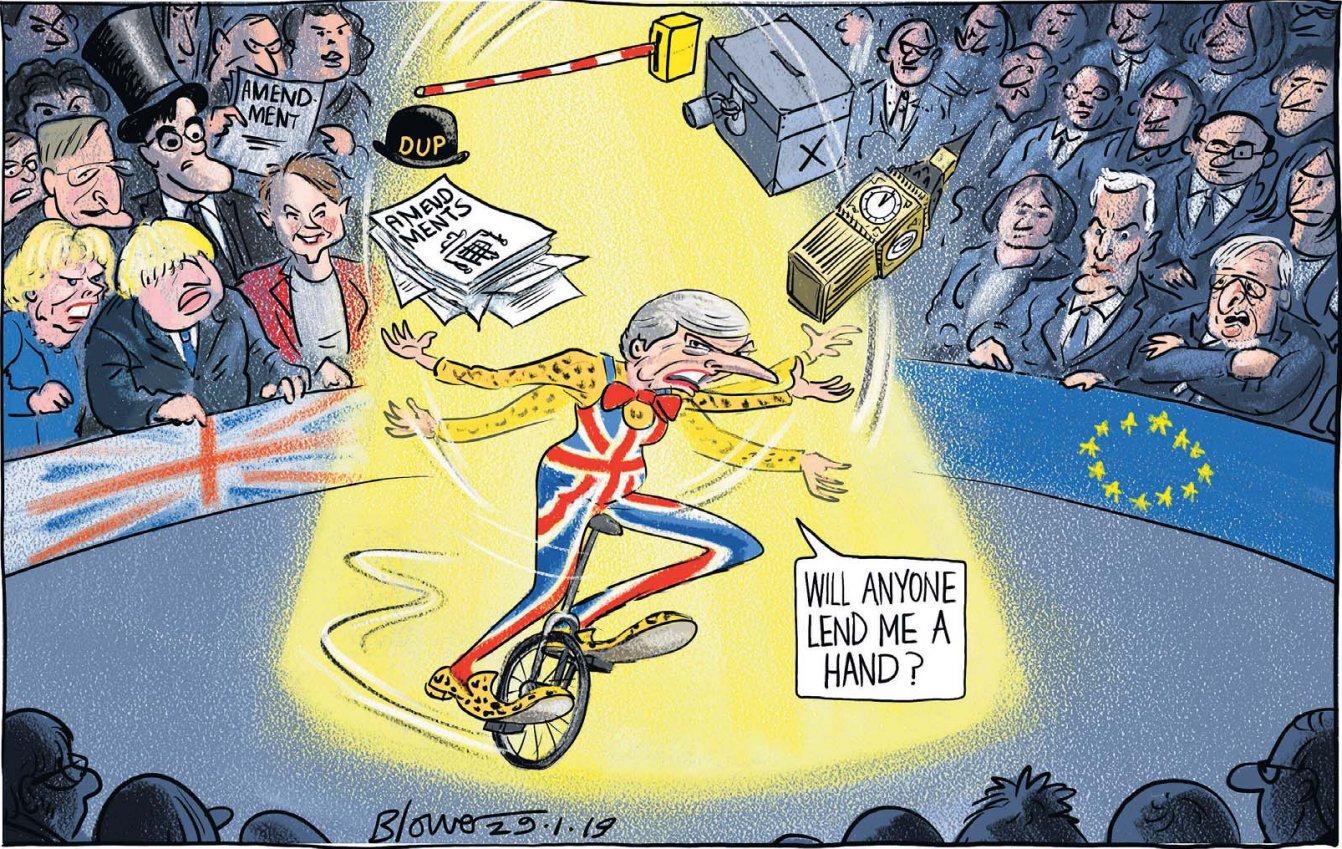
Partly, this is because getting a degree is still the be-all and end-all for many young people. Politicians on both the Left and Right have spent decades fighting to make going to university an aspiration that should cut across the classes.

They should have the same attitude to apprenticeships.

There should, of course, be more good-quality, well-funded schemes. And instead of berating middle-class usurpers, perhaps policymakers should concentrate on crafting better financed apprenticeships with small and large businesses up and down the country (and not just in London and the larger northern cities).

But, perhaps most importantly, there shouldn't be any such thing as a “usual” apprentice. It's already a diverse qualification, open to a diverse group of people. And as my own experience shows, a good apprenticeship can be just as valuable – if not more so – as a university degree.

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Our European friends are taking a huge risk if they abandon Mrs May

The EU must be wary of sending the Prime Minister away without the changes she needs to her deal



Whatever happens in the Commons this evening, Theresa May is likely to be going back to EU leaders with a request for some serious help.

Either Yvette Cooper will succeed in laying out a timetable that leads to the postponement of Brexit in the absence of a deal or Sir Graham Brady will carry his amendment calling for the infamous “backstop” to be sorted out some other way. Or perhaps nothing at all will be carried, but with less than 60 days to go to March 29, the Cabinet will finally fall apart when faced with a looming no-deal Brexit. One way or another, the Prime Minister can only avert a final meltdown if the EU decides to give her some meaningful assistance.

To be useful, such assistance would have to have legal force, whereas the EU's current position is that it can only change the aspirational “political declaration”, not the proposed treaty. It would have to place a time limit on the backstop, as helpfully suggested by the Polish foreign minister, or allow the UK to withdraw from it if it threatened to become permanent. That could be done in an addendum, a

codicil, or a legal instrument – adding to the deal rather than amending it. With something like that, the improved deal could actually get through.

Unfortunately, governments all around Europe have a list of reasons for not doing this that is as long as any of their arms. The Irish fear a political crisis in their own country if they give ground; the other states don't want to break the strong solidarity they've managed to maintain; the French want to grab more businesses from us. None of them have much faith that a concession would be enough to be decisive; and most of them are utterly exasperated by the whole thing and have plenty of other problems of their own.

Above all, they can see that, since Theresa May's huge defeat two weeks ago, the entire Brexit project is wobbling badly and it's entirely conceivable that we will postpone our exit and then never leave after all. They can play “chicken” with some confidence that the passengers in the oncoming vehicle are going to grab the steering wheel and drive it off the road.

So why on earth should they give any ground? Why not let us have our political implosion, our new round of elections or another referendum, our party splits and divided nation, and be an object lesson to all of what happens if you try to leave the European Union? Instinctively, that is what many of them will think, and quite probably they will stick to that.

Yet there is a need for wise reflection on both sides of the Channel, and there is a very good case for EU leaders to consider a better approach. If I were a British minister having a confidential chat with European diplomats this

morning, I would be saying the following.

First of all, you would be right to think that Parliament will try to stop a no-deal Brexit on March 29, but we don't know what will happen. There is a small chance of a very serious problem, with millions of EU citizens not knowing where they stand, travel and trade disrupted and a large part of Ireland's exports snarled up somewhere between Dover and Holyhead. If you were a board of directors of a company, you would be expected to do anything within reason to help avoid even a small risk of that happening to your business. And bear in mind that the whole European economy is slowing down at the moment, so a chaotic Brexit is the last thing it needs.

Second, if you leave Theresa May to swing, she will probably fall. A new British prime minister is either going to be a more hardline Conservative or Jeremy Corbyn, and how are you going to like that?

With the former you are going to lose the deal anyway, and with the latter the whole Western alliance will be in trouble. Don't think this doesn't matter, or is just a British problem. We've got a Leader of the Opposition who does not believe in maintaining our security, or yours. He has called Nato an instrument of Cold War manipulation, and doesn't believe in a nuclear deterrent. He's got a stronger record of talking to terrorist groups than to our own Prime Minister. He bends over backwards to avoid criticising Russia. You could forget joint policies on issues such as the intensifying crisis in Venezuela, since he naturally sympathises with Left-wing autocrats who wreck their countries.

Third, another referendum in

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Britain, disastrous as it would be for our national cohesion, is certainly becoming more likely. And, yes, this might yield to the EU the great strategic triumph some of you are seeking, of hanging on to us after all. But think about what would happen if we voted 52-48 to stay in this time. Would we ever be anything other than a troublesome, disruptive, and unhappy member, busily debating a third referendum and refusing to go along with your initiatives?

Furthermore, an EU that is inflexible now will provide an additional argument to leave it. If another public vote provides a renewed mandate to leave, the Brexit that will eventually follow will most surely have no backstop and no money on the table at the beginning of the negotiations. A hardline posture in Dublin and Brussels will prove to be a gamble that failed.

Finally, consider the reality of what you're insisting on here, which is that the UK is unable to withdraw from a backstop regime, even if it goes on for a long time or is found to be intolerable. Many of us don't think it will, and would accept the deal on the table, but you can understand the anxieties of those who are very suspicious of it.

Is it so difficult to concede that a sovereign state can, if it wishes over time and without necessary progress on a new free trade agreement, unilaterally withdraw from a controversial compromise? Don't you think we would find a way of doing that anyway?

All in all, therefore, European friends, just think carefully before you tell Theresa May to go away without the concession she needs. One way or another, the consequences will come back to hit you, as well as us.

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No, obesity is not the new climate change

This latest fatuous comparison is patently absurd, and undermines personal responsibility



Look around any developed country and it is obvious that there are a lot of people who eat too much. But there is another affliction of modern societies that too often gets overlooked: the greed for attention. If members of the Lancet Commission on Obesity had a taste for food as great as their appetite for hyperbole, their bellies would prevent them getting near a dining table.

In a paper published this week, they claim that obesity, along with undernutrition (in the developing world) and climate change, are all pandemics which make up a “Global Syndemic” – which, they helpfully explain, is a “synergy” of pandemics. It is difficult to know where to begin

with this vast tureen of academic gobbledegook, but let's start by examining the “pandemic” of under-nutrition. I don't like to think of anyone going hungry in the world, but how can something be a pandemic when it has fallen markedly in recent decades? Hunger, according to the UN, has gone from afflicting 18.6 per cent of the world's population in 1991 to 10.9 per cent in 2017. Using the word “pandemic” for obesity is also objectionable – it applies a term associated with infectious disease to what is largely a behavioural issue.

But perhaps the biggest issue is trying to compare obesity to climate change. It is nonsense. Obesity may be widespread, but it is still an individual problem. Anyone who is overweight, and who has the mental capacity to make decisions over what they eat, has their personal obesity problem in their own hands. However difficult they may find it to do, ultimately they can solve that problem by eating less, taking more exercise or a mixture of both. Climate change is fundamentally different in that none of us can solve the problem on our own. I can cut my own emissions by giving up my car, but that will have a negligible effect on global emissions.

I can't help thinking that one reason

members of the Lancet Commission might want to compare obesity to climate change is that they want to shout their own importance. Perhaps they envy the round of global conferences on climate change, the swell of government money and publicity which comes the way of scientists and campaigners working in that field, and they want a thick slice of the pie for themselves?

Global agreements on climate change might at least help to stimulate the development of cleaner forms of energy – maybe enough even to negate the clouds of CO2 emitted by the climate change elite as they swarm around the world by jet. But conferences, treaties and global programmes on obesity? The whole idea stirs the pit of my stomach. Try to turn obesity into a global problem which can only be solved by treaty and you send out a powerful message: that it isn't our fault if we are fat, it is the whole world's fault. It will end up disempowering individuals.

The Lancet Commission proposes a regulatory clampdown on large food companies, which it wants to reformulate their products. Yet the most obese nation in the world, the Pacific island of Tonga, does not have an especially high intake of processed

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food. Neither does Egypt, which ranks as the most obese large nation. You can get fat on any food – bean curd included – if you eat too much of it.

Neither can any government lay down how much we should each be eating. Threats by our own government to legislate to limit the calories in restaurant puddings are pathetic – they ignore the fact that a portion which fills up an octogenarian who has been knitting all afternoon would leave a 17-year-old who has been playing rugby wilting with hunger.

The only way obesity can sensibly be tackled is to educate people about diet and emphasise that their weight will depend on their own choices. Self-restraint might not be easy when we are surrounded by plenty and yet still retain our genetically programmed impulse, embedded through centuries of scarcity, to take best advantage of what eating opportunities arise. But personal responsibility is worth any number of laws.

I am not one to value religion over science, but treating gluttony as a mortal sin does seem to me to get a little closer to the truth than trying to shift the blame for mass obesity onto global corporations or abstract causes. Obesity is not so much a syndemic as a sindemic.

Letters to the Editor



The country needs clarity on Brexit

It is almost certainly too much to ask; but might it be possible by the end of today to know the direction in which Brexit is headed? A succession of amendments is to be voted upon in the Commons that could indicate where the centre of gravity lies in Parliament for an agreed approach.

But it is just as likely that no option can get through. This has happened before, if not in such parlous circumstances. The Labour government in 2003 put seven different proposals for House of Lords reform to a vote in the Commons and every one was rejected. As a consequence, nothing has happened to this day.

With the deadline for the UK's departure from the EU looming ever closer, such procrastination is not feasible. The current position is that we leave on March 29, and while it has often been said that this would not be acceptable to Parliament this has yet to be tested in a vote. Might it be today? Among more than a dozen amendments, one tabled by Conservative MP Dame Caroline Spelman and Labour's Jack Dromey would prevent the UK leaving the EU without an agreement.

Although it is not binding, it would constrain the Government's opportunities for securing last-minute concessions from the EU since it removes the very concept of "last-minute" from the timetable and avoids the risk of a cliff-edge Brexit that might yet be the UK's strongest bargaining chip. In addition, Labour may today formally back an amendment tabled by Yvette Cooper to seek a delay to Brexit; but that still does not tell us what sort of deal MPs would support.

Another amendment, championed by Sir Graham Brady, chairman of the 1922 backbench committee of Tory MPs, would require the contentious Irish border backstop to be replaced with "alternative arrangements to avoid a hard border", but would otherwise support the Prime Minister's deal. After much hawing, Downing Street is now urging Tory MPs to accept this amendment, but it does not have the backing of Brexiteers because it fails to commit the Government to reopen talks about the legal text.

No 10 concedes that the Withdrawal Agreement will have to be changed but needs to say precisely how. If Mrs May is sympathetic to the call to renegotiate the backstop, as Boris Johnson suggested yesterday, she should table a Government motion to that effect. The country is weary of guessing. It is time for clarity.

Trump on Venezuela

For an American president who set his face against interfering in other countries to bring about regime change, Donald Trump's actions in Venezuela mark a significant departure. He has withdrawn Washington's recognition of the government of Nicolás Maduro and thrown the weight of the US behind the opposition leader Juan Guaidó.

The Left, who revered Mr Maduro's mentor Hugo Chávez, have predictably denounced this as a US-backed coup. But Mr Trump is not acting in isolation. Other Latin American countries, bearing the brunt of the refugee crisis triggered by Maduro's mishandling of the economy, want him out. So, too, do many EU countries, including Britain, who have joined Mr Trump in demanding fresh elections – this time, unlike last, free and fair. Jeremy Hunt, the Foreign Secretary, has said that if there are no new elections announced by next week, the UK will recognise Mr Guaidó as interim president "to take forward the political process towards democracy".

But while it is all well and good to denounce Mr Maduro for presiding over an economic and humanitarian catastrophe, the Americans and their allies need to be prepared for what might happen next. Washington wants Latin American countries like Brazil to spearhead a multilateral diplomatic approach to squeeze Mr Maduro. But the people of Venezuela are being invited to rise up against a government which still controls the security forces, with all the consequences that could entail.

Mr Trump says he is on the side of democracy and the people of Venezuela. But if Mr Maduro refuses to step aside, is the president ready to demonstrate that support with more than words?

Black market basil

In 10 years' time, the streets will rumble to the noise of iron-bound wheels, for no rubber from abroad for tyres will get through our seized-up ports. The skies will be silent because international flight agreements will have lapsed. Barefoot children will fight for nutty slack on the seashore, as no gas will be imported across the Channel. An orange will be a lottery prize and a banana a thing of wonder. Cheap cotton clothes will be replaced by coarse grey woollen homespun. There'll be no paper for books. Basil will be available only on the black market. This prognostication is of course absurd. But it is no more absurd than the claim we report today that 12,000 people will die of heart attacks in the next decade because higher fruit prices will dissuade them from eating their five a day. Such Project Fear tales are now beyond a joke.

Never mind the backstop, the whole deal's a deceit on the British people

SIR – If no deal was – contrary to the Government's stated position and the legislation enacted by Parliament – always considered worse than a bad deal, we'd know why the negotiations resulted in a terrible deal.

The Government and a majority of MPs have wilfully perpetrated a deceit on the British people, who will no doubt take their revenge at the next election.

Philip Duly

Haslemere, Surrey

SIR – The 2016 referendum involved a promise from those who govern to those who are governed to the effect that the former would implement the instruction given by the latter. That instruction was subsequently brought into law by primary legislation.

Those who now seek to frustrate that promise might reflect on the possible consequences of their actions. The rule of law depends upon an implicit relationship of trust between the ruler and the ruled based on the idea that the law cannot be improperly

manipulated to meet the sectional interests of small groups of people.

The risk run by those who seek to stop the Brexit process is that an idea might start to germinate: "If the Government does not obey the law, why should I?"

If that idea spreads, then the adverse consequences of Brexit, at its worst, will seem like a walk in the park.

Anthony Crean QC

Oxford

SIR – A "Citizens' Assembly" can break the current impasse on Brexit, and recreate trust in representative democracy.

On Brexit, public debates too often reflect two unreconciled blocs of opinion. We urgently need a more diverse range of views to be weighed, taken seriously, and debated to a conclusion. A Citizens' Assembly does that. Experience shows it works in reaching conclusions which carry public confidence, and in reconciling division.

Many feel a disconnection between

Parliament and the public. The answer is not to weaponise the idea of "the people" against their elected representatives. It is to involve the electorate in a debate which influences and shapes a final parliamentary decision, without removing the decision from it.

It is not too late. The process could be completed in three months. There would need to be an extension of the Article 50 notice.

Lasting cynicism about national politics will be a likely outcome of how Brexit was done. It is in our hands to avoid that. Referring Brexit to a Citizens' Assembly would reconnect with the public and revitalise the parliamentary process. We urge our political leaders to make this happen now.

Rowan Williams

Dan Snow

Chris Addison

George Monbiot

Rabbi Richard Jacobi

Lord Faulkner

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Guilt with no evidence

SIR – The Archbishop of Canterbury sits as a privy counsellor and is regarded as *primus inter pares* among bishops.

Two independent commissions have found that allegations against the late Bishop Bell (Charles Moore, Comment, January 28) cannot be sustained.

The Archbishop begs to disagree. His contention is that, since an unnamed lady was brave enough to make the accusation, then it must take precedence over the detailed, objective investigations undertaken.

This is astonishing. I suggest a long solitary retreat to consider his present untenable position on the matter.

James Bishop

Wincanton, Somerset

Electronic armour

SIR – With reference to your report "Keyless tech puts new cars at risk of theft" (January 28), keeping electronic keys in a signal-blocking pouch protects the vehicle from theft as thieves cannot intercept the signal. The pouches also prevent cloning of contactless technology, as well as blocking mobile phone signals.

I obtained mine from a local Neighbourhood Watch for £5.

Andrew Spanner

Watford, Hertfordshire

SIR – I have a lock on my phone and a lock on my apps. I keep my phone on a chain and bells fixed to my belt.

There are other security measures I can take.

Why do drivers rely on one method of security? I never see any locks for steering wheels or gear levers.

Bernard Powell

Southport, Lancashire

Unexpected guests

SIR – Ted Shorter (Letters, January 28) wonders why so many people in television soap operas who have fallen out with their families turn up with their life possessions in a bin bag, to kip on a neighbour's sofa.

Perhaps soap-opera characters in need of refuge turn to their friends.

Jan Bardey

Kineton, Warwickshire

SIR – Ted Shorter mentions carrying one's possessions in a bin bag. My friends and family must pray I never turn up on their doorstep bereft of lodgings as I rarely knowingly travel light.

Heather M Tanner

Earl Soham, Suffolk

Europe's technocratic soul can't inspire patriots

Remainers are struggling to conjure up a positive case for the EU because no such thing exists

TIM STANLEY



A poll shows that opinions of the EU have worsened among all voters since the referendum – even "devastated pessimists" who want to stay in. This is no surprise. Brussels has been beastly to us for two years, while the continuing Remain campaign is predicated entirely on saying Britain is rubbish and can't run its own affairs. The idealistic case for staying in the EU hasn't been made and can't be made because it doesn't exist. Attempts to conjure one up only prove the point.

Thirty of our continent's intellectuals – among them, Svetlana Alexievich, Milan Kundera and Simon Schama – have written a manifesto in defence of the "European idea", and it's a reminder that you should never read anything your heroes publish in *The Guardian*. They'll only disappoint you.

If the populists surge in the EU elections in May, say the intellectuals, it'll represent the victory of barbarism over "intelligence and culture" – the

triumph of "abstractions" such as "identity" and "soul", which "often only exist in the imagination of demagogues". We must stand up as "European patriots" against the greatest challenge "since the 1930s" and come to the defence of ... what? Well, the letter isn't exactly clear. The geniuses are far more certain of what they're against than what they're for.

What is Europe? It's not the EU, which isn't mentioned by name in the letter – so, who does speak for the project? Where are its borders? The EU keeps spreading, like Manifest Destiny twinned with the Eurovision Song Contest, but if Ukraine is within our grasp, why isn't Russia? The intellectuals "believe in the legacy of Erasmus, Dante, Goethe and Comenius" (each of whom very much believed they had a soul), but what of Robespierre or Nietzsche?

On Holocaust memorial day, Guy Verhofstadt tweeted that the slaughter of the six million was a reminder of the evils of nationalism and populism, and no one could argue with that. But can't he see that for some of us it's also a black mark against Europe itself? When MP Mark Francois said his dad stood up to Hitler, and Britain would do the same again if needs be, the smart folk laughed – but, actually, to a lot of older Britons, authoritarianism and Europeanness are closely linked, and their island identity is rooted in a collective memory of "standing alone" against them.

Contrary to what the intellectuals argue, identity is real in the way love is

real: you can't touch it, you can't weigh it and you can't feed your family with it but, my God, people will fight for it. This is an element of the soul – the hunger for meaning – and I'm astonished that 30 brilliant academics and artists, whose source material is humanity, can deny it exists. Isn't that what drew thousands of Britons to Spain in the Thirties, to fight for democracy or socialism, for a cause that transcended the self? "Madrid is the heart", wrote WH Auden of that frenzy of hope, "The suicide pact, the romantic death."

Where is Marx in the letter? I'd wager more communists died in Catalonia than fans of the Common Agricultural Policy. More important, where is Christ or St Paul? The Jewish, Graeco-Roman faith represents the Europe I would be prepared to die for, defined not by geography or race but by spirit (St Augustine is the model: a Berber, a Roman Catholic, a bishop in North Africa). Christianity has been hijacked by demagogues throughout history, indisputably, but what the thugs and the secularists forget is that faith is not just an identity but also a conscience. It's what forced Thomas More to defy Henry VIII; it's what compelled religious Germans to protest against Hitler's euthanasia programme. In 1935, the Nazis outlawed the Jehovah's Witnesses because this odd little group refused to join the military or submit to the regime. They remained loyal to their soul; around 1,500 were murdered. But there's no Jesus in the

Proms tampering

SIR – The Henry Wood Promenade concerts have long been recognised as a music festival of excellence, providing a platform for orchestras and artists from all over the world.

The backbone of these summer celebrations has been the BBC and its unique symphony orchestra. Now the contract for televising some concerts has been awarded out-of-house, in an attempt to reach more "diverse" audiences (report, January 26).

Continuing to tamper with the ethos of the Proms – which is first and foremost a live concert experience – is short-sighted. Why not offer schools cheaper tickets and introduce a new generation to live concerts?

Avril Wright

Snettisham, Norfolk

Phoney war on plastic

SIR – I returned to Britain several months after the airing of Sir David Attenborough's ground-breaking programme highlighting the misuse of plastic in our societies.

I applauded the voluntary cessation of the use of plastic straws in several high-street fast-food establishments and coffee shops – a token gesture, but welcome none the less.

I was looking forward to seeing sweeping changes in supermarkets on my latest visit. However, I can buy little produce loose – and what is available generally has to go in plastic bags. Everything else is sold in plastic trays with film covering. Most tell me to check whether the tray can be recycled locally, and that the film is not recyclable. Needless to say I have not contacted my local council, and I doubt I am alone in being so remiss.

I live in Canada, where some produce comes packaged but most does not. Certainly none is sold in plastic trays with plastic film. Is this not possible here?

Richard Gibson

Standlake, Oxfordshire

SIR – In order to advertise its green credentials, Sainsbury's (and its competitors) is reducing its use of plastic film and excessive packaging – or so we thought.

On checking the fridge for lunch the other day, I found the Scotch egg that my wife had promised. I was delighted to see that it was wrapped in a paper bag, but just before I put this in the recycling bin I noticed that it was made from "mixed materials" that are not currently recyclable.

It appears that Sainsbury's has ditched lightweight, non-recyclable plastic for heavier pseudo-paper that is still not recyclable.

Bob Hearne

Winscombe, Somerset

SIR – You report (January 28) that Morrisons is to introduce paper bags.

How novel. I wonder if they will be like the ones we used in the Fifties.

Ken Stevens

Sonning Common, Oxfordshire

Lady vs woman

SIR – Sam Kelly (Letters, January 25) accuses Fiona Bruce and David Dimbleby of "discourtesy" in describing *Question Time* audience members as "the man at the back" or "the woman in the green top".

He is clearly unaware of a subtle social nicety. I am a doctor's daughter, and the granddaughter of a vicar, and was taught that for people of similar or superior social standing I should use "man" or "woman", rather than "lady" or "gentleman".

I have done this all my life (I am in my 70s). It is not discourtesy, but it is certainly an old-fashioned marker of perceived status.

Anne Ballard

Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire

intellectuals' letter, because all they can imagine is a post-faith, post-ideology Europe that stands not for something but against everything else.

The dream of a European polity died when member states failed to put God in the new EU constitution. Without the spirit, what is left? Ironically, it's a Europe of pure abstraction, a technocratic perversion of "from sea to shining sea", the dream that someday we shall all be united by the same tax code. By contrast, what the populists are arguing for is tangible: the re-emergence of national borders.

Here in Britain we sit behind the natural sea barrier that has always kept us psychologically slightly removed from the continent, a stubborn, self-obsessed people who wind up the world. I heard a wonderful old aphorism the other day: "An Englishman will burn his beard to kill a flea." That sums up Brexit nicely, and suggests that for all the lip service paid towards globalisation and progress – "we are not an island!" – in the midst of a crisis, everyone reverts to type. The British are burning their beards; the Germans are bossy; the French are in the streets. One reason why the EU doesn't work is it tries to deny the nature of Europe itself – a messy, quarrelsome continent that, without God, can be utterly abysmal.



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Killer Sudoku

Your clues are the caged numbers that represent the sum of the numbers within the cage. As in standard sudoku, each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution published tomorrow.

Gentle No 2714								
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Telegraph Toughie

No 2167

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Across

- 1 Old man in mine, he is unable to regularly take hard work (15)
9 Coats, for example, being dated, we are modelling to get right (9)
10 No introduction of butter in cooked bistro dish (5)
11 Embraced by grandmother, Queen Victoria returned in a blissful state (7)
12 In the air, uncertain when girl will have left (7)
13 Large bird in Truro cathedral (3)
14 Laver perhaps as selected player held in respect? On the contrary (7)
17 In French red wine, English find friendly relations (7)
19 One thousand were sitting, set as a task (7)
22 Second stop in NCP, say, by learner with electronic dash (7)
24 Devour repasts regularly (3)
25 Archdeacon in terrible rage gets one retaliating (7)
26 Supposes former exercise before court succeeded (7)
28 In this state I had to return nothing (5)
29 Ad-lib production of optimum PR (9)
30 Despite having to sit, presumably? (15)

Down

- 1 In favour of philosopher no one thanks over forecast (15)
2 Short king with gold for teacher (5)
3 Runny brie consumed when drunk (7)
4 Lincoln meets fat French cleric (7)
5 Three-nation stand (7)
6 Unusual crunched cheese dish (7)
7 Boris, perhaps, taking rope to Alaska (9)
8 Food is served up after holy man becomes exhausted in former capital (5,10)
15 Dessert's earlier temperature has become cold; this upset could throw plans into confusion (5-4)
16 One from Genesis that has an echo just the same (3)
18 Pinch tot (3)
20 Italy to engage men first, its own men (7)
21 Oil is hot for fraternity member (7)
22 Rise of leading Tory moderates simmering here? (7)
23 Measure of acidity in a once lost instrument (7)
27 Limit religious teaching in island (5)

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Mind Gym

No 2943

Start on the left with the given number and work your way across following the instructions in each cell. Target time: 30 seconds. Solution below.

BEGINNER									ANSWER
7	x8		TRIPLE IT	-177	4/9 OF THIS	-44	X BY ITSELF	+88	3/4 OF THIS
INTERMEDIATE									ANSWER
154	9/11 OF THIS		TRIPLE IT	-242	÷8	X BY ITSELF	-121	25% OF THIS	5/6 OF THIS
ADVANCED									ANSWER
336	÷12		x6.75	TRIPLE IT	-243	√	x26	2/3 OF THIS	8/9 OF THIS

Polyword

Using the given letters no more than once, make as many words as possible of four or more letters, always including the central letter. Capitalised words and plurals are disallowed. You can also make one word using all the nine available letters. Solution tomorrow.
How did you rate?
14 words - Average, 18 - Good, 22 - Very good, 26 - Excellent.



Mini Sudoku

Gentle No 2711

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 2 x 3 box contains the numbers 1-6. Solution published tomorrow.

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Kakuro

Moderate No 3454

To solve kakuro you must enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares without repeating a digit. The clues are the numbers on the black squares and are the sum of the solution numbers. The clue pointers indicate

the direction of the answers. A block of two squares with a clue of 3 will solve as 2,1 and a 5 will produce 4,1 or 2,3. A 4 can only be 1,3, never 2,2.

Solution published tomorrow.

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Anagrams

Each of the anagrams below spells out the name of a type of picture. Solution tomorrow.

CANDLE SPA - - - - -
OUT SHELTYE - - - - -
EUROCRAT OWL - - - - -

Yesterday's solutions

Sudoku No 4145	Sudoku No 4392	Kakuro No 3453	Mini Sudoku No 2710	Killer Sudoku No 2713	Codewords
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Polyword: Arrogance, carnage, acrogen, grocer, garcon, corner, cornea, conger, arcane, racon, racer, ocrea, ocean, nacre, grace, crone, crane, corer, conge, conga, cargo, carer, canoe, caner, areca, acorn, race, orca, once, crag, corn, core, cone, cero, carr, care, cane, cage, arco, acre, acne, acer.

Anagrams: 1. Disaster 2. Adversity 3. Catastrophe.

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Has MeToo finally reached the kitchen?

He was known as a 'good guy', but TV chef Dan Doherty now stands accused of sexual harassment. *Asma Khan* urges more women to break their silence

At the start of this year, I appeared as a guest on a podcast called *The FoodTalk Show*. Asked for my predictions for 2019, I hoped that this would be the year that MeToo reached restaurant kitchens. The movement until then had seen women speak out about sexual abuse and harassment in a number of industries. But, to this point, not in mine. Which was not to say it didn't exist.

I am founder and head chef at Darjeeling Express in Soho in London, where I run an all-female kitchen with women who cook the way I do. I'd heard so many horror stories from women in some of the best kitchens in the country, but in the podcast on Jan 3, I observed that they never spoke out.

"You need one person to break the silence, and I hope this year will be that year," I said then.

Well, it seems that I've been

proved correct. This week it was reported Dan Doherty, a celebrity chef and a judge on the BBC One show *Britain's Best Home Cook*, with Mary Berry, had left his gastropub, The Royal Oak in Marylebone, London, for a month in November after allegations he'd sexually harassed a female staff member. He was also alleged to have told workers he wanted to see them "without their kitchen whites on".

In a statement responding to the claims, Doherty has said he "would never intentionally make offensive comments to anyone I work with, female or male. I have apologised to the whole team for any offence I may have inadvertently caused. It would never be my intention", and announced on Twitter that he had "decided to step away" from the second series of the BBC show.

Dan Doherty, right, has stood down. Asma Khan, below, says the culture in kitchens is abusive



Yesterday, a statement released by The Royal Oak confirmed that the chef, who was the subject of an external company investigation, was no longer working with them "with immediate effect". It has also been confirmed that Doherty's partners in a New York city restaurant opening have "severed ties" with the chef.

The fresh-faced 33-year-old, a former head chef at Duck and Waffle in London, has always been seen as one of the good guys. He's been a supporter and ambassador for the Action Against Hunger charity, and has written about the "mutual support" that he says exists within the industry.

But the explosive nature of the claims in this story do not surprise me one bit. I've long been aware of the exploitation, violence and abuse that goes on

behind the scenes of so many top restaurants. And the tales I've been told by other women in the trade would do more than put you off your food.

I know of one woman who worked in a top, fine dining establishment in an upmarket neighbourhood of London. Each day when she arrived at her workplace, the morning ritual to which she was subjected was a huge, hard slap on the back of the head from the head chef. It was obvious the violence, not to mention the power imbalance, gave him pleasure.

Another chef told me she'd been sent inappropriate and suggestive text messages by a celebrity chef whom she worked for. But she was too scared to breathe a word of it, fearing she'd never get a reference. Instead, she sat it out for a year until she found a better place to move on to.

It's not only physical and sexual abuse, but sometimes also racial. One female chef from South Africa was called a "black b----" when she first came to work in a restaurant kitchen in London. Her colleagues who heard this just laughed.

Meanwhile, a friend of mine will regularly walk into the kitchen she works in, where the chefs will pick her up, put her in the walk-in fridge and touch her up.

There's something like a wolf pack mentality at times, with the men ganging up to undermine the status of the (very few) female chefs they work with. A lot of women keep quiet and accept this, out of fear they'll be sacked, or from shame.

I know of one very young and innocent woman who complained to the female owner of a top restaurant about bullying from the male chefs. It was the victim who was sacked. Another female chef suffered severe



Each day when she arrived at work, she was subjected to a huge, hard slap on the back of the head

burns to her hands when a male chef threw a boiling piece of meat across the kitchen at her face. In shielding her face, it was her hands that got seared.

So how, you might wonder, have these men got away with it for so long?

Some people point to the high-pressure working conditions, the long hours and the stressful environment that make many top kitchens hellholes of abuse. To me, these excuses are pathetic. The pressure in a kitchen is intense, that's for sure. But if abusing someone else is your reaction, you ought to be in therapy and not working there at all.

There still exists a culture of heavy drinking and drug-taking but, again, it can't explain away the problem - although it's arguably yet

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Philip May: Theresa's real right-hand man

After reports that he's at the centre of a No10 rift, *Camilla Tominey*, Associate Editor, asks how much power the PM's husband wields

PHILIP MAY's face was almost as inscrutable as his wife's as he watched the Government suffer the biggest parliamentary defeat in history from the public gallery. By avoiding eye contact throughout the exchange in the House of Commons, which saw Mrs May's Withdrawal Agreement beaten by an unprecedented 230-vote majority, many assumed the Prime Minister might have broken down had she exchanged glances with the man she calls her "rock". In fact, as a Downing Street insider later revealed, quite the opposite was true. Inadvertently giving a telling insight into her 38-year marriage, the source said the real reason she couldn't bear to look up at Philip was not because he would spark tears – that's not the way they operate. It was more a case that he'd give her that "look" and she'd start a fit of nervous laughter. While she shies away from discussing her private life, Mrs May has always been candid in discussing her relationship with the man she met at a Conservative dinner dance when they were at Oxford. Speaking about the death of her parents, she told BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* that she had "huge support in my husband and that was very important for me". She added: "He was a real rock for me – he has been all the time we've been married, but particularly then, of course, being faced with the loss of

both parents within a relatively short space of time." Yet with reports that the mild-mannered financier has caused a rift at Number 10 by thwarting the idea of winning Labour support for a customs union, just how much power does Philip May actually wield? Although Downing Street has dismissed as "utter bunkum" claims that Mr May's actions have sparked a row with Gavin Barwell, Mrs May's chief of staff, the rumours do raise intriguing questions about who really wears the trousers in Downing Street. Of course, this is nothing new. One Cabinet minister once pointed to Samantha Cameron, saying she was the driving force behind many policy decisions. Known for her socially liberal views, ministers joked that Samantha was such a strong influence on her husband that she "will have a more liberalising impact on Cameron than Nick Clegg". According to Tim Montgomerie, the political columnist, Samantha also had a "huge influence" on the decision to soften the Government's hard-line approach on the Syrian refugee crisis. And one can't imagine Cherie Blair ever holding back in Tony's self-styled "kitchen cabinet" meetings. Denis Thatcher famously said the role of a political consort should be "always present, never there" and, according to insiders – that's precisely how Philip, 61, plays it. One former aide described his "ninja like" ability to be ever present without anyone taking "the blindest bit of notice". "Philip wields power,



Power couple: Theresa and Philip May have been married since 1980, after meeting at a Conservative dinner dance while at Oxford

but only when the PM wants him to. He's always there but never in your face. I've never once seen him angry. "He's cool, he's calm, he's clear – he never waffles. Everything he comes out with is useful and worth listening to. I remember at conference once he was running around making everyone tea. As a consequence, he hears everything that's going on. That way, when everyone has left the room, the PM can turn to him and say: 'Well, what do you think?'" Although he has worked as a relationship manager for the financial group Capital International for more

than a decade, Philip has become an ever more visible presence at Number 10. When his wife took office, his employer issued a statement insisting: "He is not involved with, and doesn't manage, money, and is not a portfolio manager. His job is to ensure the clients are happy with the service and that we understand their goals." Indeed, workers based near his Belgravia office had grown used to the sight of the Prime Minister's husband popping into the local Pret a Manger for a sandwich. But not as much since the last general election – a political move, incidentally, that Philip was vehemently opposed to. According to one impeccably placed source: "In the early days, when Theresa May had Nick and Fi [her former joint chiefs of staff, Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill], you hardly saw Philip. He wasn't really needed. But since the snap election he's been on the scene a lot more, especially



since Nick and Fi left. He goes on foreign trips now because she doesn't want to do them without him. It's ironic really because he was fiercely opposed to the idea of having another election. He literally said to Theresa: 'We've only just got here, we've only just unpacked the furniture, why are you doing this?'" Having served as chairman of the

local Conservative Party Association in Wimbledon, it was Philip who was tipped to go into politics. He took a step back when Mrs May, 62, was elected as the MP for Maidenhead in 1997, but has remained committed to the Tory cause. Hence that rumoured Number 10 intervention last week. By reportedly siding with party chairman Brandon Lewis and Chief Whip Julian Smith in encouraging his wife to reach out to the Brexiteers in her own party – rather than the Opposition – the alleged ruckus serves as a reminder that Philip's allegiances lie to the party as much as the woman running the country. As one source put it: "Philip would have been as capable a politician as Theresa. You could swap them out and he'd be just fine. He's very knowledgeable and committed to the party. He would disappear for a few hours during the election campaign, and when you'd ask him where he'd been he'd say: 'Just out canvassing.'" While it has long been said that Theresa May "doesn't have any friends" inside or outside politics, in fact the couple enjoy what one insider described as a "typically Tory social circle". "They will meet other couples for dinner. They are quite close to Simon

'If Philip's happy, then the PM's happy – it really is as simple as that'

Dudley, the leader of the council in Windsor and Maidenhead, and his wife. It's all very old-school, blue-blooded Tory. You know, the sort of people who buy £500 of raffle tickets and run supper clubs and enjoy cream teas. For them, the Conservative Party is their life. And they wouldn't have it any other way. They love going out and meeting people together." Theresa also enjoys cooking for her husband – a small semblance of normality in her somewhat surreal world. As one aide revealed: "I remember the PM once delaying an important conference call because she had forgotten to make Philip his lunch. It was really rather touching, seeing how dedicated she is to him, even with everything else on her plate." Another insider described how the "homely, cosy" decor at the Mays' home in Sonning provided an insight into their private suburban world, where they enjoy gardening, watching quiz shows like *The Chase* and *Eggheads* and listening to *Test Match Special* on BBC Radio 4. Former grammar schoolboy Philip, who was brought up in Liverpool, also enjoys supporting the Reds – leading to another intriguing anecdote about the couple. Recalling a lunch she had arranged with the Prime Minister and her husband, the hostess went to great lengths to ensure Philip was sitting next to a Liverpool fan, revealing: "I told the guests, if you want the PM to enjoy the lunch, keep Philip happy. If Philip's happy, then the PM's happy – it really is as simple as that."

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Travel with confidence

Britain's Best Home Cook: Dan Doherty has 'decided to step away' from series two

'Slap a famous chef and you're finished'

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another symptom. What lies behind this phenomenon is a culture where the head chef is king and operates within a network that's a boys' club in essence. For so many of the men in these roles, their work becomes one enormous ego trip, and they believe themselves to be unassailable. The celebrity chefs aren't immune – quite the contrary – because the greater their profile, the less likely are victims to complain. If the culprit was a nobody, you would slap them and leave. But if you slap a famous chef you may never work again. And we're talking about well-respected names here: men who, out of sight of the public, will

aggressively pursue younger female colleagues, or send sexual pictures of themselves. Some female chefs have confessed to me they are even too ashamed to tell their parents or partners that they're having a hard time in their workplace. They fear being ostracised, losing their jobs, or failing to progress in their careers. It's notable that for women to do the latter, they tend to need to have a "patron saint", who comes in the form of a male chef. Indeed, many of

It's rare to see a woman succeed on her own in the restaurant business

the highly regarded female chefs in the industry today worked closely with male chefs before making it on their own. It's rare to see a woman succeeding on her own in the restaurant business. This could be another factor, perhaps, that makes newcomers feel they must take the abuse and hang on in there until they've learnt enough to leave that kitchen and move on to a better environment. I came up through a different route myself, starting out with a supper club, which evolved into a restaurant, and the money behind it was my own. I don't owe anyone for anything, but this is an unusual way in to the trade (not least because I'd first done a law degree). For those with more typical career paths it's different, and bullies and abusers can hide in plain sight. They're looked up to and celebrated, revered. It takes a brave soul to object, especially when the owners of the restaurants are arguably complicit themselves. There's been something of a deafening silence this week, following the claims against Doherty. Where are the messages of support or condemnation from all the other members of our industry? I can only assume they're too scared. Or perhaps we are seeing them close ranks. Some female chefs visiting my restaurant break down in tears of disbelief: "My God, there's no shouting here," they say. Yes, the working conditions in some restaurants can be brutal – but they don't have to be. Restaurants usually need more women working there, in part because there's safety in numbers. When surrounded by a gang of male chefs, a woman can easily grow isolated. You need other people to stand by you, and what we need is a union of female chefs. To get our voices heard, we must all come together and let everybody know this: you touch one of us and you deal with us all. Together we can stamp out the abuse.

As told to Rosa Silverman

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The tragic suicide of our teenagers is everyone's business



When I was growing up, parents could often be overheard mourning the plight of teenagers who had "fallen in with a bad crowd". You don't hear that expression anymore because, in terms of peer groups that elicit and encourage immoral and criminal behaviour, there's only really one "bad crowd" to worry about: social media.

This virtual crowd doesn't just target fragile or troubled teens, but children of any age and mindset from the second they've been introduced. And when it comes to identifying a child's particular vulnerabilities and baiting them accordingly, social media's a hell of a lot more wily and insistent than some clique of attention-seeking teenage reprobates – and able to use state-of-the-art technologies to push even the most well-adjusted over the edge.

Fourteen-year-old Molly Russell had shown no signs of mental illness before she killed herself 14 months ago. In an interview on Sunday, her distraught father, Ian, described his youngest child as a "gorgeous" and "caring" girl who loved horse-riding and sailing, had just won the lead role in the school play and was drawing up a wish list of presents for her 15th birthday later that month.

Yes, the police had discovered half a dozen mournful notes and a short story about a little sailing boat succumbing to a storm that suggested Molly might have struggled with bouts of depression, but I and every friend I've discussed this with wrote similar things at Molly's age, when dips of depression and passive suicidal thoughts and

"fantasies" can be normal – and fleeting. We'll never know how fleeting Molly's thoughts were, because something made her act on them before her logical but unformed brain was given the chance to work through the tangle. That something, her family found out after a year of trying to get Apple to unlock her iPhone and iPod Touch, was the relentless succession of material on self-harm, suicide, depression and anxiety that she was able to view online.

Now whereas many of the images were algorithms, some Molly will have accessed "voluntarily". And it's true that a wider culture of glorifying

Molly's father is not wildly looking for someone to blame: he's found them

mental illness and suicide – even a merchandising of both – is also to blame here. After all, we're living through a curious period when girls choose to wear T-shirts emblazoned with phrases like "F----- Up" and "I've got issues", one of the most popular teen series is *13 Reasons Why* – and "hot messes" are covetable enough to make Hollywood producers commission not one but two *Zelda Fitzgerald* biopics.

But Mr Russell now knows that in the weeks leading up to his daughter's death, Molly witnessed many graphic images of self-harm, though not the one headed "I can't tell you how many

times I've wished I was dead" that Pinterest sent to her email address a month after she killed herself.

So when this father says sites like Instagram and Pinterest "helped kill his daughter", he's not wildly looking around for someone to blame: he's found those to blame. And with the help of the Government and Papyrus – a suicide prevention charity that has now been contacted by 30 families who believe social media was a factor in their children's suicides – he is valiantly trying to ensure no family has to go through a pain like theirs again.

Only companies like Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter and Google are very good at wringing their hands and doing nothing. They'll point out, as Steve Hatch, the Northern European vice-president of Facebook (which owns Instagram) did in response to Molly's death, that alongside the appalling images she viewed, Molly also looked at a greater number of positive posts attempting to help her. This is a bit like saying that a photograph of a hanged teenager (available to children as young as 13 on Pinterest until recently) can be offset by 20 pictures of kittens.

And let's not forget what philanthropists tech giants are. Before you pledge to give away 99 or 40 per cent of your empire's shares, as Mark Zuckerberg and Jack Dorsey have, respectively, done, how about you spend a few billion on employing more moderators? How about you clean up your own backyard first – and offset some of the damage your companies are doing to young minds? Not your own children's minds, of course: dealers don't use.

On Sunday, Health Secretary Matt Hancock warned that Parliament had the power to block access to social networks unless companies take urgent action over suicide content. And if they can keep to that threat, it might help safeguard young people like Molly. But users also have a part to play in supporting and reporting those at risk. Because in the end, as Papyrus says, "Suicide is everyone's business."

Hands-on: the Duchess of Sussex seemingly can't resist cradling her growing baby bump



The real reason Meghan can't leave her bump alone

Pride, biology or New Age bonding? Six months in, the country has finally started asking the question that has plagued me since the Duchess of Sussex first announced her pregnancy: why can't you keep your hands off your bump?

As any mother will know, cradling your stomach at three, four or, indeed, five months is as nonsensical as cradling your stomach after a Big Mac: there is simply no reason to do it. Some mothers do it in the hope of bonding with the baby – the gesture apparently helping to produce oxytocin, known as "the bonding hormone". And in the later stages of pregnancy it can, of course, be a subconsciously protective gesture one finds oneself doing.

But in Meghan's case, I suspect it's just acting. I remember being told by an actress friend that on screen, bump-holding is a device that is used to keep reminding the viewer that "she's pregnant"! And if there's one thing I've learnt from actor friends, it's that they can never stop acting. It doesn't matter if nobody's watching and we're alone in the room. It doesn't matter if a genuine emotion or strength of feeling needs no artificial enhancement – they're always looking at themselves from the outside. All of which makes them award-winningly brilliant at public life.

WALDEN'S WORLD

My husband cooking-shamed me on TV



I was once described in print as the kind of woman who doesn't make dinner, "she makes reservations". Which was pretty offensive – not least because it's true. I don't possess either a set of kitchen scales or an apron, aside from the headless Botticelli *Venus* one I wear

to serve the Ocado pigs in blankets on Christmas Day. If you looked through my Google search history, you'd find: "How do you make a chicken?" (I've since been told the culinary lingo is "roast", pronounced

Judge: Prue Leith was less caustic with her comments



"roast"). And in the whole of my adult life, I have never baked a thing.

On Sunday, I decided to put this right and make biscuits. How hard could they be? Well, hard enough to break through granite, ugly enough to petrify people, Medusa-style, and tasteless enough to blunt

the palates of swamp plankton – at least, that is, according to my husband, who thought it would be hilarious to take the offending articles into *Good Morning Britain* yesterday to be judged by *Bake Off's* Prue Leith.

"They do not look good," frowned Leith. "The

presentation's terrible. But I'll tell you something," she added, clearly so annoyed by my husband that she'd decided to rush to my defence, "they taste 100 times better than they look".

Surely code for "get that *Great British Bake Off* application in while there's still time?"

You 'avin' a laff? Why Etonians can't help speaking mockney

William Sitwell explains that his former public-school classmates are trying to hide their roots

Now that he no longer has an electorate to convince, one might have thought that George Osborne would calm down his mockney. But oh no. There he was on last night's BBC Two documentary, *Inside Europe: 10 Years of Turmoil*, back at his best.

"After d' summer 'olidays David Cameron, meself, William Hague get togevva ... I said to David, to William, 'Look, we gonna split the Conservative Party, we gonna put ourselves off side wiv British business and wot 'appens if we lose ... if we do it's a real disaster for Bridon!'"

His interview had me asking two fundamental questions. Did he really say that? And did he really say it like that? The answer to the first question can be found inside a shed near Chipping Norton, where a former PM is bashing his memoirs with renewed ferocity. Either that or it's his head.

As to the latter, George Osborne does sound a little less like Jason Statham in private. But when he's describing his part in an epic referendum story, he seems to have made the calculation that he comes off better by portraying himself more Ray Winstone than Terry-Thomas.

Poor old George just can't help himself. Like so many posh boys, he's desperate to distance himself from his educational CV of Norland Place, Colet Court, St Pauls and then Magdalen College, Oxford.

Last week the former head of Harrow School, Barnaby Lenon, said that former private school pupils often speak in a mockney accent to seem less posh. Mr Lenon was actually my tutor at Eton, and he knows what he's talking about. If I hadn't thought he was right I might have called him to say: "Oi, Barny! You're 'avin' a laugh, aincha?"

His comments came in response to research by Graeme Davis, of the University of Buckingham, which found that there was a levelling of language when children leave their prep schools.

And according to Mr Lenon, "Former pupils from elite private

THE SLANG THAT GIVES AWAY THE POSH BOYS



Harrovians trying to look inconspicuous on a London street

Traditionally, public school slang is up to seven years behind the real streets. Here are five of the Etonians' favourites.

Peng
Hardly ever used by teenagers in London these days, but vaguely meaning "amenable".

Anyone or anything could be "peng", so long as it's attractive to the speaker.
In a sentence: "Balthazar, this foie gras is absolutely peng."

Bare
Used to mean the precise opposite of its official definition. To have a "bare"

amount of something is to have a lot.
In a sentence: "Come up to see my tuck box, Wigbert. I stole bare snuff from Papa and I can't get through it all myself."

Allow
Pronounced with such stress on the final syllable that it sounds as

if the speaker has stubbed their toe, "allow" is an urge for the interlocutor to forget it, or a flat-out rejection of the proposal.
In a sentence: "Ignatius and I were in debating the other day and Mr Phillips was like, 'Well what's so wrong with inheritance tax?' I was like, 'ALLOW, sir!'"

Wasteman
Either somebody who is misusing their lot in life, or acting against the greater good.
In a sentence: "Hey, Sixtus, we heard your Dad on LBC the other night. He was basically like, you know, who's an absolute wasteman? Dominic Grieve. It was sick."

Words: Guy Kelly

schools went out of their way to hide their education. It is very important when you are with non-Etonians to try to conceal that you are an Etonian. They do not want to appear to be upper-class because being upper-class these days is not a good thing.

"In politics, you want to appear to be a man of the people. I would say that most Etonians and Harrovians these days go out of their way to employ an estuary accent," he said.

Actually some of my old Eton pals seem confident enough in themselves not to go all mockney. And Jacob Rees-Mogg is a fairly convincing example of this. But this is not always the case. A great – sadly, late – friend of mine, Toby Graftey-Smith, music producer and Jamiroquai co-founder, had honed his mockney well. He may

have attended Marlborough with me, but he still called us all mate and I once heard him use the word "toilet".

He was especially mockney, I noted one day, when, dressed in his hunting garb of tweed jacket, white shirt and stock, breeches and boots, he introduced me to Camden-based rapper Dappy of N-Dubz.

But in defence of the mockneyed, it is usually subliminal. A polite chap doesn't want those around him to feel out of place, so the accent alters.

Yet unleashing your worst Michael Caine fools no one. Today, my ear can tell you, that mockney is morphing for the next generation.

It really is frightfully difficult keeping up with the whole shebang. Or should I say: "Mate, to be fair, I ain't got a clue?"

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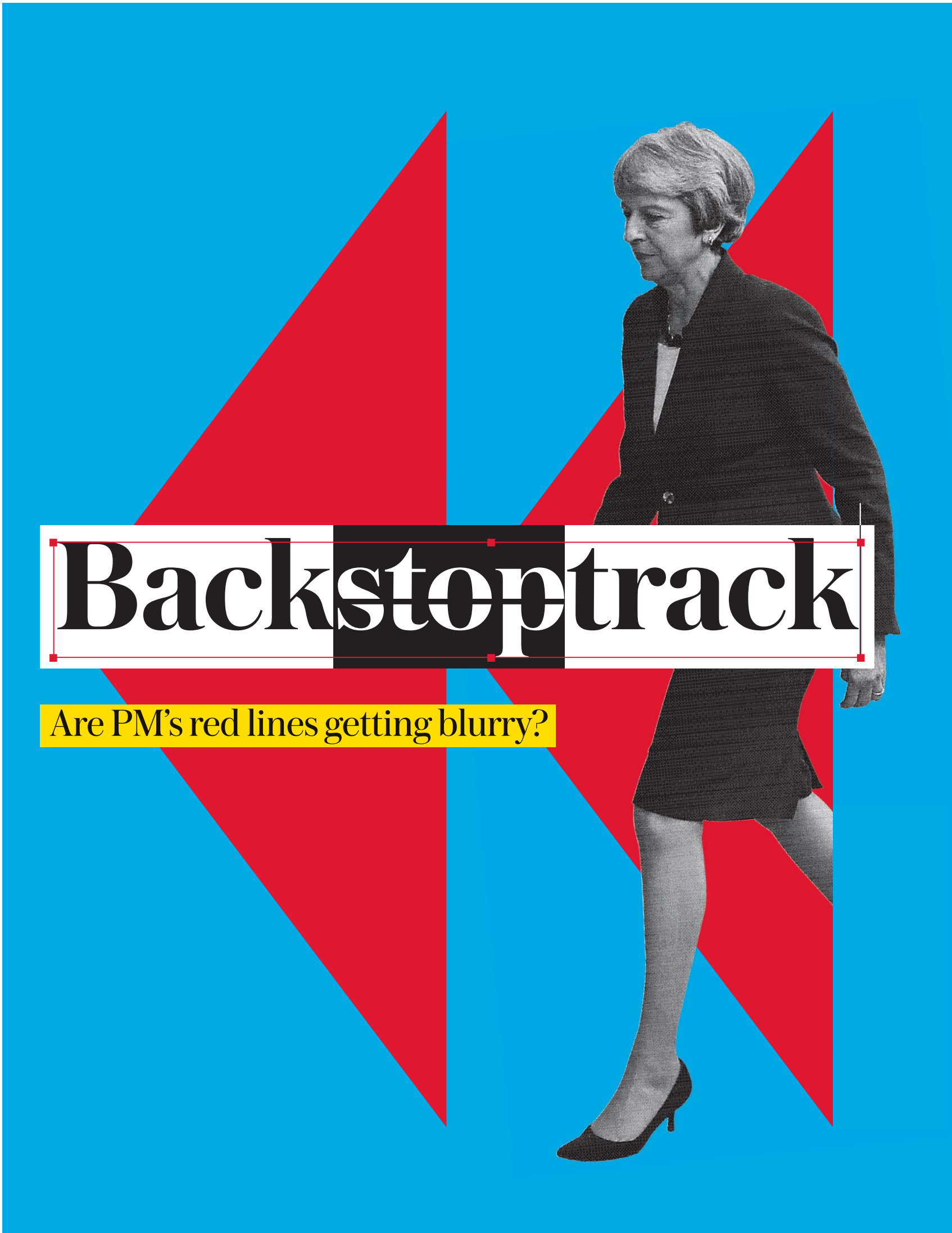
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FEATURES



All the gear: Eleanor Steafel, main, spends the day with Luton's Blue Watch; a thermal image, below

Goddard tells me later, is heat stress disorientation. Take one wrong turning, and that could be it.

In October, NHS England announced that up to £50million would be made available over five years to provide continuing physical and mental health services for those affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy of 2017. Many of the Luton crew have friends who attended the fire, which killed more than 70 people, and they are dismissive of the criticisms levelled at the fire service since that awful night.

"They did what they could," says Sherrington, solemnly. "A couple of my mates were there and knew they were in trouble when they wrote their names on the back of their helmets. They were just walking over bodies."

"The stay-put policy [for residents] only didn't work because the fire went up the outside of the building," he adds. "Now everyone will be running out - it'll be a nightmare."

After dinner, Goddard goes



‘Not knowing if people live is one of the hardest things’

Eleanor Steafel visits Luton fire station and discovers the hidden demands of the job

It's 9am at Luton fire station and two gleaming engines sit on the main forecourt, awaiting their next job. They are not the only ones. In the locker room, 28 men and two women are packed in like sardines, hands clasped behind their poker-straight backs, feet hip-distance apart. Half of them, White Watch, are coming off a 24-hour shift. The other half, Blue Watch, are steeling themselves for the long day and even longer night ahead - with no idea of what might await them.

They heckle and tease one another as they go about the morning's business. "Who's cooking dinner tonight?" asks Watch Commander David Haynes. "Ty," says one of his crew, rolling his eyes. "Oh, it'll be a bit of old shoe, then," quips the commander.

I am just taking in my surroundings - including the ubiquitous fireman's pole - when a shrill alarm shocks me out of my skin. What had, moments before, resembled a school cloakroom at pick-up time suddenly transforms. They spring into action, donning their PPE (personal protective equipment) and hoisting themselves into an engine.

"Quick, get your kit on," Haynes says. "There's space for you on the pump." I haul myself into boots, trousers, braces, jacket, gloves and helmet as fast as I can, painfully aware that the longer I take, the longer some poor soul might be awaiting rescue.

Firefighters never know what kind of "shout" they are attending, until they're on the move. Just getting into the heavy gear and clambering into the engine is, frankly, an enormous effort, and my heart is still pounding when Commander Mark Blakey tells us it's a break-in: "A lady has locked her baby inside her flat, and she's panicking."

They will treat the call with just as much urgency as they would a fire, he explains. For all they know, the baby could be near a pot of boiling water. As we hurtle across Luton, blue lights whirling, the crew explains how much the job has changed during the past decade. Answering this kind of call is now a big part of what they do.

"You don't get many fire deaths anymore because people are getting better at taking precautions, and alarms work," says Cdr Haynes. "Operational work only amounts to 10 per cent of my job."

A shift can see them attending break-ins, extracting people from the wreckage of cars, or knocking on doors around the streets of Luton, offering free smoke-detector testing and installation. With the M1, airport and football club, not to mention densely populated residential areas including more than 50 high rises (where fire safety standards differ hugely), Luton is still one of the most in-demand fire stations in the county, and among the busiest in the UK.

Back at the station - after the crew has returned a perfectly happy 10-month-old to his relieved mother - we do drills, until the next call comes through. I am not sure what to expect as I'm fitted with an oxygen mask but, as Cdr Haynes explains, when you enter a building you have little idea what you might find.

"I remember being called to a flood," he says. "There was water coming down the stairs. I broke in



On call: a shift can involve making checks on equipment, home visits to test smoke alarms, and training exercises; right, Commander David Haynes

and there was a bed with blood all over the mattress. You know when you just get that feeling someone is watching you? Out of the corner of my eye, I clocked a pair of eyes above the bath. The taps had been turned upwards and were spraying everywhere, and there was just this bloke in a bath full of bleach, staring and shaking."

They all have similar stories - the little boy whose legs were flattened by a lorry; the delirious man who pulled his rescuer's oxygen mask off as he was carrying him to safety, nearly killing both of them in the process. One of the hardest things, they admit, is that they rarely find out "what happens next" to those whose lives they save. "It plays on your mind," says Cdr Haynes.

"They've got better at looking after us," says Damien Sherrington, who is retiring next year and remembers an era when there were 35 men to a watch, firemen wore cork helmets and rubber leggings, and they were regularly killed in action. "There aren't many injuries these days."

"Years ago, I had to pull two mates out of a fire when I was in

the London Brigade. That doesn't really happen now."

Firefighters are three times more likely to develop cancerous cells because of the levels of carcinogens they are exposed to, which studies have shown stay on their clothes and skin for hours. Regularly being in high-intensity heat thickens their blood - and that's not to mention the emotional effect.

The number of firefighters seeking help for mental health issues has soared in recent years, with 85 per cent

of the service now presenting signs of stress. A debate in Westminster last month noted that individual services were currently responsible for ensuring they offered appropriate support.

External help is also available through organisations like the Fire Fighters Charity, which provides physical and mental health support and rehabilitation to firefighters, as well as their families.

But it's clear, even after just a few hours in their company, that they also support one another. There is a depth of shared experience. "We can talk to someone if we need to," says Cdr Haynes. "And we keep an eye on each other."

Inside the training house, which is pitch-black and filled with smoke, I cling to the shoulder of firefighter Alex Goddard. We breathe heavily in the stifling heat (I can't imagine what it must feel like inside a blazing building), tapping our feet to check that we're not about to step through a hole in the floor.

"If we're in here too long, our oxygen will run out," Goddard says, calmly. We find a casualty, and he tells me to drag it out - but I have no idea where the exit is. A common cause of firefighter death,

through the plan for one of the biggest public buildings in Luton. They are constantly preparing for the worst. It's not fire they fear, but the thought of getting something wrong.

It's 9pm by the time I say my goodbyes. "Sorry we haven't been able to arrange a fire for you," jokes Cdr Haynes. "You should have been here last shift - we had a massive fire at Bedford hospital. Eight engines. It was quite impressive."

I leave them to settle in for what promises to be a quiet night. The next morning, I get a text from one of the crew: "There was an arsonist running around Bedford last night. Most of the fire engines in the county were out."

I might have missed it, but at least they'll have something to tell the White Watch.

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‘They’ve got better at looking after us. There aren’t many injuries these days’



Art market focus



Colin Gleadell

Buyers now get the picture with digital art



Reviews of the Bill Viola/Michelangelo exhibition at the Royal Academy have been mixed, largely owing to the ambitious pairing of a contemporary video artist with one of the greatest Old Masters. From an art market perspective, one of those Michelangelo drawings is probably worth more than all the Viola videos put together, but could conceivably raise the value of a Viola by association.

That said, Viola is both a pioneer of video art and its most popular exponent. His position in art history was secured years ago with a solo show at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 1987, inclusion in the *Documenta* art show in Kassel, Germany, in 1992, and representing the US in the 1995 Venice Biennale.

Back then, he was working in large scale – sculptural installations such as those you will see at the RA, where screens nearly 20ft high immerse the

On film: Bill Viola's *Catherine's Room*, main; and *Charcoal Burning with Giraffe and Worker* by Nick Brandt

viewer in the spectacle. For those pieces, Viola also prescribed room dimensions: to display his 2001 five-screen *Five Angels* video projection, for instance, you need floor space of 60ft by 50ft. Buyers, therefore, tended to be museums and institutions with space to accommodate them.

But at the turn of the century, he began to make work specifically for the new, smaller LCD plasma screens that freed video from box screens and projectors, so the work could be hung over the fireplace like a painting. It revolutionised his market, says James Cohan, Viola's New York dealer.

In London, Viola is represented by the Blain/Southern gallery, where you can buy editions of the smaller screen works (not well-represented at the RA) from \$50,000 (£38,000). Ninety per cent of Viola's large-screen installations are in public institutions but have sold for as much as \$3million privately, says gallery director Harry Blain.

Viola's auction record is \$700,000 for a medium-sized work but, generally, video art is not suited to the market. It requires specialised installation, and buyers worry about storage, conservation and, importantly, the ease with which videos can be copied.

This is the first exhibition of a video artist at the RA and, next week, contemporary art gallery Waddington Custot will stage its first exhibition of a photographer for many years.

British photographer Nick Brandt started by making music videos for Michael Jackson and Moby, but while



filming in East Africa was so struck by the plight of wild animals that he turned his attention to photographing them. His black-and-white film style, which leans more towards artistic interpretation than documentary, quickly earned him a reputation that has only grown. At auction, prices for a 4.5ft print from 2007 of an elephant drinking reached £87,500 last year.

Now, though, Brandt's inventive use of technology might just expand his audience in the way that Viola's adoption of the small screen did. While Viola's shift enabled more people to buy his work for their homes, Brandt's

seems to point more towards big corporate or contemporary-art museum display, just as Andreas Gursky's large-scale, digitally manipulated photographs or Luc Delahaye's constructed images of war have been embraced by the art world.

For this new work, Brandt built scaffold lighting towers and bushes with hidden cameras on Masai community land to take pictures of animals in the wild at night. In a process that echoes the staged photography of Gregory Crewdson, he built elaborate sets, such as bus stations and motorway construction

sites, which he filmed from the same spots, before mixing the two to create the artwork he had in his imagination.

The results are epic and cinematic, dealing with environmental issues in the same way that Viola's epic video narratives embrace human themes of life, death and spirituality. Like Viola, Brandt's technological wizardry may also stir the purist art critics' venom but, like Viola again, the public is more likely to be awestruck.

This Empty World is produced in association with Brandt's dealer, Atlas gallery, and prices will range from \$12,000 (£9,000) to \$50,000.

Strawberry Hill comes to The Mall

A new art fair, Connect, opens this afternoon at Mall Galleries within sight of Buckingham Palace. Here, several dealers have works by Julian Trevelyan and Mary Fedden, the west-London artist couple, and are making a special display of

their work. Trevelyan and Fedden are flavour of the month, with conjoining shows at Pallant House in Chichester. Among Connect's exhibitors is John Iddon, who commissioned Trevelyan's last painting, in 1988 – *Strawberry Hill*, Horace Walpole's gothic castle by the Thames. Having asked Trevelyan to make the work, which will be on show at the fair, Iddon waited for a while but then rang to check on its progress. "Mary answered, and I asked if I could speak to Julian," Iddon recalls. "There was a pause, and then she said that she was afraid he had died two weeks previously, adding, 'I just don't know what I feel'. She went quiet again, so in

Gothic revival: *Strawberry Hill*, the last work by Julian Trevelyan, on show at the Connect fair



an attempt to keep the conversation going, I said, 'I know exactly what you mean, my dog died last month, and I

feel the same'. Silence again. Then realising what a stupid thing I'd said, I blurted out 'I'm sorry, Mary, I didn't mean to compare your husband with my dog'. More silence, though I thought I could hear sobbing. Finally, she spoke: 'Oh dear, thank you, that's the first time I've laughed since he died.' Prices for Trevelyan and Fedden's work at Connect range from £1,200 to £20,000.

Are we braced for snow? The art world certainly seems to be taking it in its stride. Over the winter months it has been congregating in St Moritz, Switzerland, attending the

opening of the Muzeum Susch, a new privately owned contemporary art space; warming up the Nomad art fair for contemporary art and design; and for an art summit in nearby Verbier. In Geneva, meanwhile, Artgenève opens this week, and Hauser & Wirth will be attending for the first time, with a display following the trend for showing female artists. In London, Christie's has a sale of ski posters; JD Malat is exhibiting paintings of snow-capped peaks by Conrad Jon Godly; and John Mitchell is staging his annual display of alpine views by 19th and 20th-century British and European artists – prices from £500 to £38,000.



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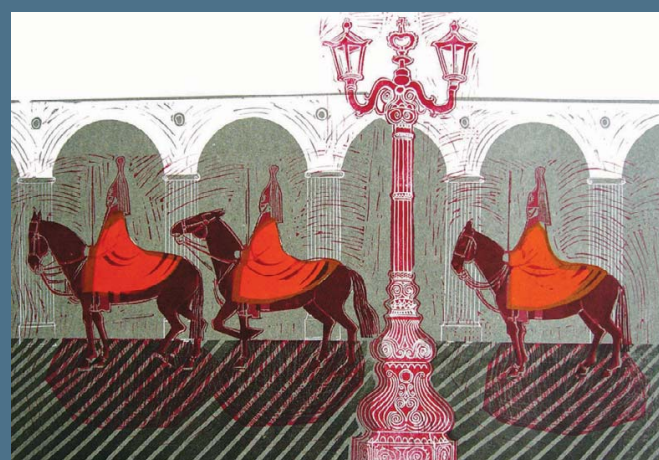


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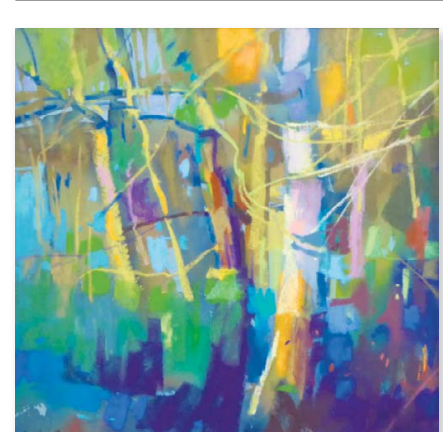
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Do we really need another David Walliams adaptation?

As the RSC snaps up ‘The Boy in the Dress’, *Jake Kerridge* says other authors deserve a turn

Parents should be on the lookout for a new danger likely to afflict their children: overexposure to the works of David Walliams. The condition is likely to be particularly virulent at Christmas. The Royal Shakespeare Company has just announced that it will be staging a musical adaptation of *The Boy in the Dress*, Walliams's first novel for children, in December. With songs by Robbie Williams and Guy Chambers, the RSC is no doubt hoping that it will be a monster hit to rival its triumphant musical of *Matilda*.

The festive season has become indelibly associated with Walliams's books in many young minds, as there have now been seven Walliams adaptations (six on BBC One; one on Sky One), with the most recent being *The Midnight Gang* on BBC One last Christmas. On this year has been announced for plans have so far, but the



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Beeb is not likely to give up now: there would be less outrage if they axed *The Queen's Speech*.

Do we really need such visibility of Walliams's work? Since he sold more than £16.5 million worth of books in 2017, the RSC should be confident that it will attract an audience. (There have been five previous stage adaptations, including a successful touring version of *Gangsta Granny*.) But whether Walliams is really worth adapting is another matter.

His books are entertaining, and cheeky enough to entice young readers, but free of anything that might cause real offence. They preach admirable messages about tolerance: *The Boy in the Dress* helped to give a voice to the many young people who feel repressed by pompous school regulations forbidding transvestism. They seem like nice books written by a nice man – and they are correspondingly toothless.

Walliams reveres Roald Dahl, and his early books were illustrated by Dahl's great collaborator, Quentin Blake. But the anarchy of Blake's spiky lines was not reflected in the text. Compare Walliams's *Billionaire Boy*, in which the title character learns valuable lessons about the unimportance of material wealth, with Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and the relish it takes in the treatment meted out to Augustus Gloop and the other spoiled brats who are granted a golden ticket into

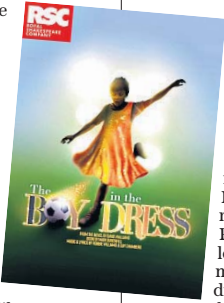


A sure thing: the stage adaptation of *Gangsta Granny*, main; Billy Kennedy as Dennis, with Kate Moss, left, in the BBC version of *The Boy in the Dress*, by David Walliams, below

Willy Wonka's world. Dahl was a horrible man in many ways, but his twisted universe was a remarkable imaginative creation that made young readers question the placebos and bromides they are fed in other children's books.

Walliams seems like bland fare beside Dahl, or even JK Rowling. Last year, Prof Keith Topping, an educationist, observed that where Rowling made her books more complex as her popularity increased, Walliams was “just feasting on the substantial royalties of books at the same level of difficulty”, missing the opportunity to challenge his huge fan base.

The popularity of Walliams's children's fiction can be partly attributed to his celebrity. Of course, unlike adults buying Booker-shortlisted novels, children will not buy books in their millions unless they genuinely like them, and they have proved less keen on works by Miranda Hart, Russell Brand, Dermot O'Leary, Jessica Ennis-Hill and the dozens of other celebrities who have attempted children's books, beside most of whom Walliams looks like Shakespeare. But his sales are boosted by the publicity that comes with being famous; theatre and television executives



commission adaptations because they know who he is.

This is sad because we are living in something of a golden age for children's books, with many wonderful writers who can hope for little more in terms of publicity than a newspaper review of a few paragraphs. They could do with a boost similar to that received by Michael Morpurgo when his novel *War Horse* – which he described as “not a book that anyone really knew about or cared about” – was ingeniously staged with puppet horses by the National Theatre.

My suggestions would include Katherine Rundell, whose brilliant novel *Rooftoppers* sees a British girl making a rooftop journey across Paris in search of her long-lost mother: it would make a wonderfully dramatic stage show. Then there is Piers Torday's *The Last Wild* trilogy, an extraordinary work of the imagination set in a future in which animals have almost been wiped out.

One recalls that when the RSC launched its *Matilda* musical, it trumpeted the fact that it was the sort of huge risk that only the subsidised theatre would take on. In *Matilda*'s wake, a musical of *The Boy in the Dress* seems the very opposite of a risk, so perhaps next time the RSC – and the BBC for that matter – could wager a small fraction of their public subsidies on a fresh, non-celebrity voice.

The Boy in the Dress is at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, from November 2019 to March 2020. (rsc.org.uk)

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Commanding: the cast of *Die Walküre* at the Royal Festival Hall

Jurowski scales the sublime as he unleashes Wagner's powers

Opera
Die Walküre
LPO, Royal Festival Hall

★★★★★

By Rupert Christiansen

I confess I wasn't looking forward to this. On paper, the cast didn't look particularly promising, and I had been less than enthralled by Vladimir Jurowski's conducting of *Das Rheingold* in the first instalment of this concert version of the *Ring* cycle, produced under the aegis of the London Philharmonic Orchestra: there was something too meticulously calculated – too analytical and forensic – about the way he addressed the romanticism in the score. I felt the same chill in his expert dissection of *Tristan and Meistersinger* at Glyndebourne.

But on this occasion such reservations dissolved, and I left the Royal Festival Hall blessing and cursing the dark art of that fallen angel Richard Wagner, whose music haunts my dreams and makes everything else in life seem drear and dreck.

The first act wasn't the best. Ruxandra Donose made a most sympathetic Sieglinde, but something is lost by casting a mezzo in a role containing phrases that cry out for sunlit soprano shine; and Jurowski and the orchestra didn't catch the menace and terror behind Siegmund's breathless escape through the forest. Some exquisitely

detailed wind playing gave much pleasure, however, and Stuart Skelton was in magnificent voice as Siegmund – although, just to carp, a little more gentle caressing of “Winterstürme” wouldn't come amiss, and his exultant cry of “Walse” was held so long as to be merely vulgar.

At the opening of the second act, Jurowski seemed to relinquish control – I mean that in the positive sense of surrendering to the music and releasing its power, trusting Wagner to do his own work (the intermittent video projections were feeble and redundant). Like some champion stallion surging ahead with a dauntless jockey on its back, the London Philharmonic surpassed itself, even if the velvety richness of German strings can never be theirs, and the Royal Festival Hall's acoustic remains unging.

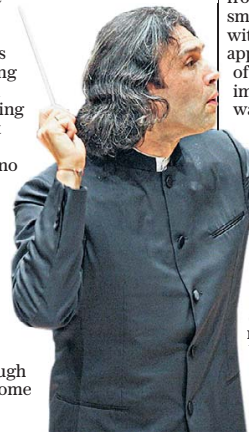
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excellent Brünnhilde, both commanding and vulnerable, and Markus Marquardt, a late substitute from Dresden, made an interesting if small-scale Wotan. Crisp and incisive with the text, he was more surly apparatchik than mighty Lord of Battle – Claudia Mahnke's imperious Fricka seemed to walk all over him in their epic marital row,

and his is not the voice to rise to the heights of the opera's final pages. No matter, Jurowski and the orchestra scaled the sublime. It's another year until the next episode, *Siegfried*, but it will be worth the wait.

Surrendering to the music: Vladimir Jurowski



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A razzle-dazzle Sixties survivor

Pop
Ronnie Spector
Roundhouse, London NW1

★★★★★

By Alice Vincent

‘We just thought we were employees,’ said Ronnie Spector, explaining what it was like to be the “bad girl of pop” in an industry full of men during the Sixties. “We didn't think we could be artists.”

It was a split-second of sentiment woven into a fun little scene between her and her two “Ronette” backing dancers that encapsulated Spector's Roundhouse show. At 75, she is undeniably an artist – and one so confident in her talent that she can invite her underestimated teenage superstar self on stage and still steal the limelight.

Her compact 75-minute performance was slicked in a slightly naff but thoroughly enjoyable retro veneer. The hits she made with her band, The Ronettes, and her abusive first husband, the now-incarcerated murderer Phil Spector, were sandwiched between glittering stories of showbiz escapades. The name-dropping and jokes about bra-stuffing were endearing.

But there was more than razzle-



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dazzle here. By presenting her life in such a perfect state of preservation, Spector allowed us to see who she has become: a proud and wildly capable woman who has lived to tell those tales.

For those who know Spector's story – a 17-year-old from Spanish Harlem whisked away to California by “Wall of Sound” creator Phil, who made and then forbade her career before she escaped both him and her own descent into alcoholism – it was intriguing to see how the transporting combination of archived footage and Spector's still-yearning, still-mighty, live voice would address those bleaker years. To hear her belt out *So Young* against a backdrop of

Nostalgia trip: Ronnie Spector at the Roundhouse

the frenetically dancing Veronica Bennett (the girl who became better known as “Ronnie”) was pleasingly surreal: a presentation of living, shimmying history.

As the show progressed beyond the Seventies, it became imbued with rich poignancy. Johnny Thunders's *You Can't Put Your Arms Around a Memory*, sung simply, as candid, crackly footage played behind her, became a hymn to youth and a torch song for her triumph over Phil Spector, without so much as mentioning his name. Later, Ronnie's robust vocals cracked during *How Can You Mend a Broken Heart*, sung in honour of her sister and former Ronette, Estelle, who died in 2009. Once the spotlight faded, you could see her in silhouette, wiping away real tears.

There have been many tributes to Amy Winehouse performed at the Roundhouse, which was one of the late singer's local venues. But, while others honour Winehouse for her trailblazing, Spector's gratitude was different and distinct: she thanked Winehouse for “letting me know what I did mattered”.

In Spector's careful, careworn hands, those wrenching lyrics of Winehouse's *Back to Black* (“and life is like a pipe/ and I'm a tiny penny rolling/ up the walls inside”) were bestowed with a maturity that their creator was never granted. Amy would have loved it; we were just lucky to have witnessed it.

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Forthcoming marriages

Cdr E.A. Vaughan, RN, and Miss F.A.C. Ward
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Barry Vaughan, of Deeping St James, Lincolnshire, and Felicity, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Ward, of Holton, Somerset.
Mr D. Marriott and Miss H. Llewellyn-Bowen
The engagement is announced between Drew, son of Shane Marriott, of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Claire Marriott, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Hermione, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
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The engagement is announced between Nicholas Mahon, of Putney, London, and Georgina Bindloss, of Fingringhoe, Essex.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
Mr Deepak Lalwani was the speaker at a luncheon held by the Rotary Club of London yesterday at The Chesterfield Hotel, Mayfair. Mr Luis Hui, President, was in the chair.

Bridge news

The Welsh Bridge Union has held a trial at the Gwent Bridge Academy to help select the team to represent Wales in the Lady Milne near Dublin in April, writes Julian Pottage, Bridge Correspondent. The pairs finishing in the first three places in the trial are as follows: 1st Ceri and Maggie Pierce; 2nd Gilly Clench and Sue Ingham; and 3rd Sarah Amos and Andrea Knox.

Diplomatic news

Ms Sian MacLeod has been appointed Ambassador to Serbia in succession to Mr Denis Keefe. She will take up her appointment in summer 2019.

In memoriam

Sir Charles McCullough
A service of thanksgiving for Sir Charles McCullough was held on Thursday at Temple Church, EC4. The Rev Hugh Mead, Reader Emeritus, Temple Church, led prayers and the Rev Robin Griffith-Jones, Master, pronounced the blessing. Mr Julian Bevan, QC, read the lesson.
Mr Angus McCullough, QC (son), read *Some Fruits of Solitude* by William Penn and Mrs Hamish McLean (daughter) read *Afterwards* by Thomas Hardy. Alexander McCullough and Eliza McCullough (grandchildren) read *He Is Gone* by Mr David Harkins and Kitty McLean, Isabel McLean and Rose McLean (granddaughters) read *God's Garden* by Ms Katie Evans. Lord Judge paid tribute to Sir Charles. Among those present were: Lady McCullough (widow), Mrs Angus McCullough (daughter-in-law), Mr Hamish McLean (son-in-law), Lady Judge, Lord Hacking, Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood, Lord Garmier, QC, 1 Brick Court, Lord and Lady Dyson, Lord and Lady Wilson of Culworth, Mr Guy Mansfield, QC, and Mrs Mansfield, Lord MacLean, Lord Justice Newey, Sir Paul Kennedy, Sir Scott Baker, Sir Konrad and Lady Schiemann, Sir Christopher Rose, Sir Philip Otton, Mr Justice Jay, Mrs Justice Whipple, Lady Fennell, Sir Stephen Oliver, QC, and Prof David Oliver, Sir Ian Kennedy, Sir James

Bridge Hand

Solo slam falls to earth

By Tom Townsend
Dealer East
Vulnerability North-South

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ A K 4
♦ K
♣ A Q 7 3 2
10 7 4 3 2
9 8 5
J 10 5 4 2
J 6 5 4
♠ A K 9
♥ Q J 10 7 3 2
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 9
West North East South
pass 2♣(1) pass 2♥
5♦ 6♥ pass 2♣
pass 5♦ pass

(1) Natural and game-forcing
(2) Take-out double
Contract ♥
Declarer South
Opening Lead ♠6
FROM last week's round of fixtures in the TGR League, The deal was played at six tables. Four times South played 4♥ or 5♥, making 11 tricks. One West bought it in 5♦ doubled, down one for minus 100 – good business.
At my table the auction was as above. South was not too strong for a weak 2♥, at unfavourable vulnerability, but South preferred 1♥ to keep spades in the picture. East got in with a double of 2♣, enabling West to bounce to 5♦. Deprived of 4NT Blackwood, North simply bid what he thought he could make – 6♥.
Neither defender was tempted to sacrifice in 7♦, because

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited R. E. Tricker Limited, 56-60 St Michael's Road, Northampton, to mark the Company's One Hundred and Ninetieth Anniversary, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.
His Royal Highness then visited London E. V. Company Limited, Li Close, Anstey Park, Coventry, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Mr Timothy Cox).

Week in Westminster

Wednesday, Jan 30
Commons: Oral questions: Northern Ireland. At noon, questions to the Prime Minister. Ten Minute Rule Motion: European Union (Requirements Relating to Withdrawal). Legislation: Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill, Remaining Stages. Adjournment: Delay Replay on the Great Eastern Main Line.
Westminster Hall: Debates on: Supporting fathers in early parenthood; School funding in Gloucestershire; Situation in Zimbabwe; Illegal seaborne immigration across the English Channel; World cancer day.
Lords: Oral questions: Proposals from the UK's screen industries for reform of the apprenticeship levy; Annual cost to the NHS of patients missing appointments with their GPs; Report by the Defence Safety Authority "Fire Safety Review - defence single living accommodation"; Proposals from the UK's screen industries for reform of the apprenticeship levy. Legislation: Trade Bill, Committee Stage (Day 3). Short debate: Concerns expressed by GPs that children and young people with mental health problems are unable to access NHS treatments

Thursday, Jan 31
Commons: Oral questions: Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (including Topical Questions); Attorney General. Business Statement and Business Questions to the Leader of the House of Commons. Backbench Business: Settling the debt owed to victims of the Equitable Life scandal; Sustainability of maintained nursery schools. Adjournment: State pension age for women born in the 1950s.
Westminster Hall: No business scheduled for today.
Lords: Oral questions: Restrictions on commercial companies seeking to digitally map UK towns and cities; Progress in implementing the female officers' strategy; Proposals for a review of the powers of the Lord Speaker. Debate: Long-term commitment to increased provision of social housing to help reduce housing costs, homelessness and housing benefit expenditure. Current situation in Zimbabwe; NHS Long Term Plan, and the case for a fully funded, comprehensive and integrated health and care system which implements parity of esteem, preventative health and standards set out in the NHS Constitution.

Nursaw, QC, Mr Joseph Butler-Sloss and Baroness Butler-Sloss.
Mr Julian Bevan, Mr Sir Richard Henry, Mr and Mrs Hans Zoller-Bol, Mr Martin Gray, Mrs Timothy Theron-Dilke, Dr and Mrs Nigel Richardson, Mr James Harper, Mr and Mrs James Marsh, Ms Claudia Marsh, Dr Robert Bradnock, Mr and Mrs Frederick Such, Mrs Andrew Congreve, Brig Charles Wright, Dr Christopher Loyn, Mrs Marilynne Morgan, His Hon Michael Rich, QC, Judge Michael Gledhill, QC, His Hon Roger Thorne, QC, His Hon Jeremy Connor, His Hon Peter Bowsher, QC, Mr Terence Mowchenson, QC, Ms Rachel Langdale, QC, Mr Andrew Housner, QC, Mr Adrain Whitfield, QC, Mr David Balcombe, QC, Mr George Laurence, QC, Ms Sally Smith, QC, Mr Mark Cannon, QC, Mr Martin Forde, QC, Mr Stephen Hockman, QC, Mr Andrew Sutcliffe, QC, Mr Tim Barnes, QC, Mr Nigel Rumfitt, QC, Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, and Mrs Purnell, Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC, and Mrs Carlisle, Ms Diana Cotton, QC, Prof Graham Zellik, QC, Mrs Ros Wright, QC.
Judge Hilliard, QC, Recorder of London, Mr Colin Davidson, Middle Temple, Mr Anthony Engel, Midland Circuit, Mr Derrick Dale, QC, Fountain Court Chambers, Mr Richard Booth, QC, 1 Crown Office Row, Mr Simeon Maskey, QC, 7 Bedford Row, Mr Christopher Morcom, QC, Temple Music Trust, and Mrs Morcom, His Hon John Mitchell, Middle Temple Historical Society, and Ms Karen Parkes, The Bar Refreshers, together with many other friends.

visited Lorenzo Quinn's Artist's Foundry, Valle, Barcelona.
The Earl of Wessex, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation, subsequently visited Lorenzo Quinn's Artist's Studio, Gava Park, Gava, Barcelona.
His Royal Highness this evening arrived at Farnborough Airport, Hampshire, from Spain.
Colonel Paul Arengo-Jones was in attendance.
For more details about the Royal Family visit the Royal website at www.royal.uk

Today's birthdays

Mr Leslie Bricusse, composer and lyricist, 88; Mr Raman Subba Row, Chairman, Test and County Cricket Board, 1985-90.

FIRST WORLD WAR

The Daily Telegraph

LONDON, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29, 1919

PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE GERMAN COLONIES

THEIR FATE DISCUSSED.

The Press Bureau last night issued the following official communiqué: PARIS, Tuesday.
The President of the United States, the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the United States, the British Empire, France, and Italy, and the representatives of Japan held two meetings to-day, the first from eleven till 12.30 and the second from four to 6.30.

An exchange of views took place on the German colonies in the Far East and the Pacific and on those in Africa. The representatives of the Dominions were present at these two sessions, the representatives of China at that in the morning, and the Marquis Salvago-Raggi at that in the afternoon.

In the morning the delegates of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and China were heard. In the afternoon M. Henri Simon, French Minister of the Colonies, explained the views of his department on colonial questions.

In addition the fundamental principles of the League of Nations and their application were considered.

The next meeting will take place to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

THE SMALLER NATIONS.

From PERCEVAL LONDON. PARIS, Tuesday.

It is reported this morning that all the wires between Paris and the Channel have been broken by the snowstorm, which may account for any delay or interruption in the news service.

Scarcely a day passes without the need to revise in some measure one's conception of the composition and tendencies of the Conference and Committees. But recent transactions have indicated in what is probably a final manner these important considerations, and it is worth while to sketch the powers and influences which characterise this great congress. It will be remembered that a body composed of two representatives apiece of each of the five Great Powers has control of procedure. This control by what is becoming universally called the Council of Ten is very material to the results which will ultimately be obtained; and it may be added that this Council of Ten does not intend to allow its authority in this matter to be weakened in any Way. The President of the Conference made that quite clear last Saturday. He said that the losses suffered by the five Great Powers had given them the right to deal with the terms of peace without consulting other nations. The smaller powers had, however, been called in, not that they should be forced into action which was repugnant to them; they were invited there to give their help. But M. Clemenceau made it quite clear that the final decisions would rest with the representatives of the five. This control of procedure in practice gives the Council of Ten the powers of an executive. The form in which questions are to be submitted to the Conference is regulated by them, and any insurmountable difference of opinion upon a committee charged with the duty of presenting a proposal for the adoption of the Conference will be dealt with by the Council. It will be seen that there is no attempt to conceal the fact that an ultimate authority is needed behind the Conference, or that the five powers have not hesitated to assume the responsibility of constituting themselves such an authority. When, however, M. Hymans, of Belgium, made a formal protest against the allocation of only five seats on the League of Nations Committee to the smaller powers, there was displayed a feeling that was not less than one of protest on behalf of practically the whole of the minor nationalities. The events of yesterday have somewhat cleared the situation, but they have cleared it in a manner which was not perhaps anticipated.

There seemed a tendency on the part of the small powers to elect Belgium as spokesman of what may develop into a kind of opposition. M. Jules Cambon, a diplomat of diplomats, expressed his sympathy with the natural wishes of the smaller states, and will, of course, transmit their protest to the Council. But it is not believed that their suggestion, which involves a very large increase of the committee appointed to deal with the problems of the League, will be adopted. No one knows better than M. Clemenceau, Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Wilson that the smaller the committee the speedier the work; and at this point it may not be inopportune to remark that, as was the case in the Republic of Venice, the real authority of the Council of Ten is for most purposes wielded by a council of three.

Chess

Carlsen on course

By Malcolm Pein

PATIENT exploitation of an endgame advantage ensured that Magnus Carlsen was well set for a seventh victory at the Tata Steel tournament. The world champion overcame Jan-Krzysztof Duda and led Anish Giri by half a point before the pair clashed in the 13th and final round. Giri tried to play for a win against Teimour Radjabov, but his pawn grab was risky and he was relieved when his opponent offered a draw.
Following Sam Shankland's disaster in the previous round, Ian Nepomniachtchi played for a win with black, but soon regretted 5...e6?2: Bg7, 0-0 followed by b6 or Nc6 is playable.

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S. Shankland - I. Nepomniachtchi
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 a6 5.h3 e6?1: Bxd3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 b5 8.e5?1: (a point of 5.h3. Black does not have the resource dxe5 and Ng4) 8...b4 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 d5 (Reaching a French Defence structure where White's centre is secure and Black has played the weakening e7-g6) 11.Bd3 c5 12.c3 bxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5 14.Bd2 Qa3 15.Qe2 Bb6?1: (With the point 16.Bxb6?2: Qxc3+, but this weakens the dark squares. Better 15...Rb8 16.0-0 Be7) 16.Rb1! Bxd2+ 17.Qxd2

c4 18.Bc2 Rb8 19.Rxb8 Nxb8 See board left. Black looks strategically lost, whether or not he takes on a2. His bishop will never see the light of day. 20.h4! h6 21.h5 g5 22.Nh2 Nc6 23.Ng4 Nc7 24.Rd1 Nb5 25.Rb3 Bd7 26.f4 gx4f 27.Qx4f 28.Rd5 Qf6 (White concentrates his fire on f7) 28...Bc6 29.a4 Na7 30.Rf3 Nc8 31.Bc2 Ne7

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32.Bg6 Kd8 33.Bxf7 Kc7 34.Qxe6 Nc8 35.Qf6 1-0 Black has no sensible moves and Bxd5 Qxf6 Nxd5 is one threat.

Haldorsen - Yuffa from the Gibraltar Masters, where no player made it to 5/5. Michael Adams and Nigel Short were on 4/5. Black to play and win:

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Television & radio

Last night on television Asa Bennett



A striking look into the mindset of the EU top brass



Political machinations: Jean-Claude Juncker and Angela Merkel

Diplomacy tends not to make good television, so it was brave of the documentarists Brook Lapping to kick off **Inside Europe: 10 Years of Turmoil** (BBC Two), their new three-part series looking at the inner workings of the Brussels machine, by poring over the wreckage from David Cameron's ill-fated renegotiation of the United Kingdom's membership. The last time these filmmakers aimed their cameras at Brussels, they were following Jeremy Paxman around the city as he sought to understand how the European Union worked. But they do not have the master interrogator helming this series. Instead, in this opener, a narrator set the scene as viewers were taken through the events. Most of the story was told by the interviewees who were in the room at the time of those key exchanges. Cameron's former cabinet colleagues George Osborne and William Hague recalled how controversial it was to even hold a referendum, with Cameron's allies split both ways, arguing that the Tories risked being split whether one was held or not. Osborne feared it could spell disaster,

while Hague felt it was inevitable. The calibre of those being interviewed was impressive, with no European leader too senior for this documentary. Donald Tusk and Jean-Claude Juncker, the heads of the European Council and European Commission respectively, held forth on film. So too did the leaders of individual European members states, such as Dutch premier Mark Rutte, and former French Presidents, Nicolas Sarkozy and François Hollande. The involvement of the EU's top brass made it all the more striking how, despite the variety of people willing to talk about Cameron, the man himself was not able to appear. The former prime minister, it is understood, has an exclusive deal for a documentary series to accompany his forthcoming memoirs. But the fact he was missing from action would have made many viewers feel like this was not a balanced post-mortem of Cameron's efforts to strike a better deal, but a show trial for daring to challenge the EU orthodoxy. The central plotline is well-known; with the hour taken up with the tale of how a prime minister gambled disastrously that his renegotiating

prowess would mean he could thrash out so good a deal that the United Kingdom would vote to stay in the European Union. The minutiae of politics was livened up by sights such as President Sarkozy hammyly recounting how irritating he found dealing with Cameron's demands – fuming like a panto villain about the “the problem with the English” and how he made sure to tell them “No, nein, non!”. There were also moments of almost *Fawlty-Towers*-esque awkwardness. We learned that Cameron – stuck in negotiations with Angela Merkel – once tried to explain his need for a good deal, telling her that it would help him avoid a “barrage” of criticism at home, by offering a definition of barrage as “blitzkrieg”. The interviewers, unheard and off-screen, did well to encourage European leaders to open up, allowing us to learn the full extent of the horror they felt about Cameron's insistence on pledging, and holding, the referendum. President Tusk revealed that he warned him it was “stupid”, while Hollande boasted – in true politician style – that he told him he did not have to go through with it just because it had been put to voters in his election manifesto. Their snipes went largely unchallenged, not least because of Cameron's absence. The filmmakers shied away from making EU leaders question their rush to give him short shrift, perhaps for fear of seeming biased in the former prime minister's favour. Hollande was invited in a rare moment to consider if they could have given him more to help him win the referendum, but he insisted that it is “not the text that matters” to referendum voters. It might have done, though, if Cameron had secured something he could shout about. This was a well-produced documentary with a stellar political cast list, but few in Westminster will have learned anything new. Those outside of SW1 might well have come away wondering how on Earth Theresa May can get anything done in Brussels when faced with such unsympathetic characters as these.

Inside Europe: 10 Years of Turmoil ★★★★★

What to watch



Winterwatch 2019

BBC TWO, 8.00PM

◆ With each new run, the producers of BBC Two's addictive nature series must be asking themselves, “How can we top what went before?” This year, the answer is easy: the team head to Scotland's Cairngorms National Park (the UK's largest such park) to uncover how this landscape changes with each of the seasons. It's an area that's at its most majestic in winter, as Chris Packham, Gillian Burke and Michaela Strachan are sure to discover over the course of the next four nights. They're based at The Dell of Abernethy, an 18th-century lodge in the park's centre, where they'll uncover the story behind the impressive conservation project Cairngorms Connect. The real joy of these series, however, lies in the time spent watching the animals, and this is where the Scottish park will come into its own. From ferocious golden eagles and jittery mountain hares to slippery otters and majestic deer, the Cairngorms are home to a wide range of species. “It's one of those places where you can really



Wrapped up: Chris Packham leads the Winterwatch team north

connect with the natural environment,” Strachan says, and Packham notes: “Scotland – land of the

brave, home of the wild and hope for the UK's wildlife. I can't wait.” *Sarah Hughes*

Comedy

Catastrophe

CHANNEL 4, 10.00PM

◆ Viewers of a nervous disposition may want to avert their eyes, as Rob (Rob Delaney) suffers a wince-inducingly graphic dream. Fans of Jonathan Forbes, on the other hand, will rejoice: Fergal asks Sharon (Sharon Horgan) to plan his 40th birthday – much to Rob's dismay. *SH*



Inside the Mossad: Netanyahu

on that most secretive of organisations, the Mossad. It's the first time that former spy chiefs and agents of Israel's foreign intelligence agency have talked about their experiences; the film also looks at some of the biggest events in the

service's history, such as the capture of Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann. Among the best scenes are those addressing the complex relationship between agents and their handlers, and the difficulties of reconciling family life with work. *SH*

Pubs, Ponds and Power: The Story of the Village

BBC FOUR, 7.30PM

◆ Ben Robinson heads to Port Isaac in North Cornwall, unravelling the picturesque village's history. Tudor-era trade brought wealth, and by the 19th century the fishing industry was thriving, but then slow decline set in. These days it's best-known as the

Documentary

Inside the Mossad

NETFLIX, FROM TODAY

◆ Israeli film-maker Duki Dror's documentary focuses

location for *Doc Martin*, and tourism is the principal form of trade. *SH*

Entertainment

Britain's Top 100 Dogs Live: 2019

ITV, 7.30PM

◆ Ben Fogle and Sara Cox are our dog-loving guides for this countdown of the nation's favourite breeds. Featuring Ointeresting facts, celebrity endorsements and a top 10 voted for by the public. Which breed will come out on top? The result will be revealed live, but the correct answer is that it's an impossible call. All dogs are excellent. *SH*

Factual

Icons: The Greatest Person of the 20th Century

BBC TWO, 9.00PM

◆ Model and activist Lily Cole takes up the “icon” baton this week, looking at four of the 20th century's greatest writers and artists: Pablo Picasso, Virginia



Man City coach Pep Guardiola

Woolf, Alfred Hitchcock and Andy Warhol. *SH*

Sport

Live Premier League: Newcastle United v Manchester City

BT SPORT 1, 7.30PM (KICK-OFF 8PM)

◆ As last week's 3-0 Premier League win over Cardiff showed, Newcastle are fighting for survival both on and off the pitch. But their opponents here, Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, are on a four-game winning streak, and they'll fancy their chances of leaving St James's Park with victory number five.

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No booking fee



Stephen Sondheim's Company

Gielgud Theatre, London

★★★★★ “A sublime cocktail of an entertainment you'd be mad to miss” – *The Daily Telegraph*

Elliott & Harper Productions present Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's iconic musical comedy about life, love and marriage, directed by Marianne Elliott. In a playful twist, the lead role of Bobby will be reimaged for the first time as a female character named Bobbi.

At Bobbi's 35th birthday party, all her friends are asking the same questions: why isn't she married? Why can't she find the right man? Why doesn't she settle down and have a family? Unlike Bobbi's lifestyle, one thing is for certain: audiences will fall in love with *Company*.

Starring Rosalinde Craig as Bobbi, Tony and Olivier award-winner Patti LuPone as Joanne, and Mel Giedroyc, one of the UK's most loved performers, as Sarah, this musical masterpiece is running at the Gielgud Theatre for a strictly limited season.

Tickets from £25.00



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Subject to availability.

Turn to The Telegraph



Radio choice Charlotte Runcie

The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show

RADIO 2, 6.30AM

◆ Zoe Ball continues to be a warm and upbeat presence in her new role as host of the Radio 2 *Breakfast Show*, and this morning she's launching this year's 500 Words competition, the network's popular story-

writing competition for children aged five to 13. The contest has had 800,000 entries since it originally launched in 2011, with 135,000 children entering last year. The winners will have their story read live on air by celebrities, and last year there was a glitzy ceremony at Hampton Court Palace as well.

Radio 1

FM 97.6-99.8MHZ

6.30am The Radio 1 Breakfast Show with Greg James **10.00** Clara Amfo **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Nick Grimshaw **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Nick Grimshaw **7.00** Radio 1's Future Sounds with Annie Mac **9.00** The 8th with Dev **11.00** Radio 1's Indie Show with Jack Saunders **1.00am** Annie Nightingale **3.00** Radio 1's Drag Queen's Den **3.40** BBC Radio 1 and 1Xtra's Stories **4.00 - 6.30am** Early Breakfast with Adele Roberts

Radio 2

FM 88-90.2MHZ

6.30am ◆ The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. See Radio choice **9.30** Ken Bruce **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00pm** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** Vanessa Feltz **7.00** Jo Whaley. Music and chat **9.00** The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum. The world of jazz **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** Helen Skelton **3.00am** Sounds of the 80s with Carol Decker **4.50** Radio 2 Sounds of the 80s Mastermix **5.00 - 6.30am** Vanessa Feltz

Radio 3

FM 90.2-92.4MHZ

6.30am Breakfast **9.00** Essential Classics **12.00** Composer of the Week: Tippett **1.00pm** News **1.02** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert **2.00** Afternoon Concert **5.00** In Tune **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. An eclectic non-stop mix of music **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. Presented by Tom Redmond **10.00** Free Thinking. Art historian Monica Bohm-Duchen and novelist Martin Goodman join Anne McElvoy **10.45**

The Essay: Stories That Sing. A birthday gift heralds the start of a new and enduring passion for opera

11.00 Late Junction **12.30am - 6.30am** Through the Night

Radio 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHZ; LW 198KHZ

6.00am Today **8.30** LW: Yesterday in Parliament **9.00** The Long View **9.30** One to One **9.45** Book of the Week: Silence **9.45** LW: Daily Service **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Pausing Puberty **11.30** The Art of Now: Nick Danziger's Shutter Stories **12.00** News **12.01pm** LW: Shipping Forecast **12.04** A History of Ideas **12.15** Call You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Full Circle **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Chopsticks **3.00** The Kitchen Cabinet **3.30** Making History **4.00** Word of Mouth. Vocabulary and language **4.30** A Good Read. Scarlett Curtis and Catherine Bohart discuss their favourite books **5.00** PM. With Evan Davis **5.54** LW: Shipping Forecast **5.57** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News **6.30** Love in Recovery. By Pete Jackson **7.00** The Archers. Kirsty feels unsettled by recent events **7.15** Front Row. Arts programme **7.45** How to Survive the Roman Empire, by Pliny and Me. By Hattie Naylor **8.00** File on 4 **8.40** In Touch **9.00** Inside Health **9.30** The Long View **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Rabbit at Rest **11.00** The Infinite Monkey Cage **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News and Weather **12.30am** Book of the Week: Silence **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News Briefing **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45** Farming Today **5.58 - 6.00am** Tweet of the Day

BBC World Hacks

WORLD SERVICE, 8.00PM

◆ We're all becoming increasingly aware of the need to reduce the number of new products we buy, and to recycle where we can, in order to help the planet. This documentary demonstrates the encouraging progress

Radio 5 Live

MW 693 & 909KHZ

6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Your Call **10.00** The Emma Barnett Show **1.00pm** Nihal Arthanayake **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport: Premier League Football **2018-19** **10.30** Phil Williams **1.00am** Up All Night **5.00** Morning Reports **5.15 - 6.00am** Wake Up to Money

Classic FM

FM 99.9-101.9MHZ

6.00am More Music Breakfast **9.00** John Suchet **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **5.00** Classic FM Drive **7.00** Smooth Classics at Seven. Relaxing sounds **8.00** The Full Works Concert. Jane Jones presents the best of the north of England **10.00** Smooth Classics **1.00am - 6.00am** Bob Jones

World Service

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6.00am Newsday **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness **9.00** News **9.06** The Arts Hour **10.00** World Update **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** In the Studio **12.00** News **12.06pm** Outlook **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** The Documentary **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.06** BBC World Hacks **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.06** Outlook **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.06** ◆ BBC World Hacks. See Radio choice **8.30** Click **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.06** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** News **11.06** The Documentary **11.30** In the Studio **12.00** News **12.06am** The Arts Hour **1.00** News **1.06** Business Matters **2.00** News

being made in this area – largely, you won't be surprised to hear, in Scandinavia. There are 14 specialist shops at the Retuna shopping mall in Eskilstuna, Sweden, where every item sold is secondhand. They are next to the city's refuse and recycling centre and also host courses in upcycling.






2.06 The Newsroom **2.30** The Documentary **3.00** News **3.06** HARDtalk **3.30** Fall Of The Shah **4.00** News **4.06** Newsday **5.00** News **5.06** The Newsroom **5.30 - 6.00am** Click

Radio 4 Extra

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6.00am Not as Far as Velma **6.30** Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me **7.00** Second Thoughts **7.30** Love in Recovery **8.00** The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter **8.30** Know Your Place **9.00** The News Quiz Extra **9.45** Elastic Planet **10.00** Oblomov **11.00** Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen **11.15** Our Late Supper **12.00** The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter **12.30pm** Know Your Place **1.00** Not as Far as Velma **1.30** Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me **2.00** Odd Girl Out **2.15** The Invention of Childhood **2.30** Valley of the Dolls **2.45** The Last Asylum **3.00** Oblomov **4.00** The Museum of Curiosity **4.30** Up the Garden Path **5.00** Second Thoughts **5.30** Love in Recovery **6.00** Orbit One **6.30** The Radio Detectives **7.00** The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter **7.30** Know Your Place **8.00** Not as Far as Velma **8.30** Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me **9.00** Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen **9.15** Our Late Supper **10.00** Comedy Club **12.00** Orbit One Zero **12.30am** The Radio Detectives **1.00** Not as Far as Velma **1.30** Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me **2.00** Odd Girl Out **2.15** The Invention of Childhood **2.30** Valley of the Dolls **2.45** The Last Asylum **3.00** Oblomov **4.00** The Museum of Curiosity **4.30** Up the Garden Path **5.00** Second Thoughts **5.30 - 6.00am** Love in Recovery

Main channels

BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
<p>6.00 am Breakfast (S) 9.15 Rip Off Britain: Holidays (R) (S) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S) 11.00 Wanted Down Under (S) 11.45 Caught Red Handed (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>12.15 pm Bargain Hunt (AD) (R) (S) 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather (S) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (S) 1.45 Doctors (AD) (S) 2.15 Father Brown (AD) (R) (S) 3.00 Escape to the Country (S) 3.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown (AD) (S)</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Road Trip (S) 5.15 Pointless (S) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather (S) 6.30 Regional News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Island Medics (R) (S) 6.30 Wanted Down Under (R) (S) 7.15 The Farmers' Country Showdown (AD) (R) (S) 8.00 Sign Zone: MasterChef: The Professionals (AD) (R) (S) (SL) 9.00 BBC News at 9 (S) 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire (S) 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live (S)</p> <p>12.15 pm Politics Live (S) 1.00 A Very British Renaissance (AD) (R) (S) 2.00 Who Do You Think You Are? (AD) (R) (S) 3.00 A Place to Call Home (R) (S) 3.50 Nick Baker's Wild West (R) (S) 4.25 Natural World: The Unnatural History of London (R) (S) 5.15 Flog It! (R) (S) 6.00 Eggheads (S) 6.30 Great Canadian Railway Journeys (AD) (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Good Morning Britain (S) 8.30 Lorraine (S) 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S) 10.30 This Morning (S)</p> <p>12.30 pm Loose Women (S) 1.30 News; Weather (S) 1.55 Regional News; Weather (S) 2.00 Judge Rinder (S) 3.00 Tenable (S) 4.00 Tipping Point (S) 5.00 The Chase (S) 6.00 Regional News; Weather (S) 6.30 News; Weather (S)</p>	<p>6.30 am The King of Queens (R) (S) 6.55 The King of Queens (R) (S) 7.20 The King of Queens (R) (S) 7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD) (R) (S) 8.40 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 9.10 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 9.40 Frasier (AD) (R) (S) 10.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) (S) 11.05 Undercover Boss USA (R) (S)</p> <p>12.00 Channel 4 News (S) 12.05 pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses (R) (S)</p> <p>1.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R) (S) 2.10 Countdown (S) 3.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (R) (S) 4.00 The £100k Drop (S) 5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me (S) 6.00 The Simpsons (AD) (R) (S) 6.30 Hollyoaks (AD) (R) (S)</p>	<p>6.00 am Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) 11.15 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords (R) (S)</p> <p>12.10 pm 5 News Lunchtime (S) 12.15 GPs: Behind Closed Doors (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>1.10 Access (S) 1.15 Home and Away (AD) (S) 1.45 Neighbours (AD) (S) 2.15 FILM: Stalked By My Patient (2018, TVM) Premiere. Thriller starring Bree Williamson (S)</p> <p>4.00 Friends (R) (S) 4.30 Friends (R) (S) 5.00 5 News at 5 (S) 5.30 Neighbours (AD) (R) (S) 6.00 Home and Away (AD) (R) (S) 6.30 5 News Tonight (S)</p>
 <p>Silent Witness: David Caves</p>	 <p>Icons: the US artist Andy Warhol</p>	 <p>Britain's Top 100 Dogs Live: host Sara Cox</p>	 <p>Catastrophe: Sharon Horgan</p>	 <p>Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild</p>
<p>7.00 The One Show A mix of live chat and topical reports (S)</p> <p>7.30 EastEnders Mel tries to encourage Hunter to open up to her (AD) (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Michelle Ackerley and Russell Grant go antique hunting. Last in the series (S)</p> <p>8.00 Winterwatch 2019 New series. The team returns to follow the fortunes of wildlife around the UK See What to watch (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Emmerdale Jessie faces an impossible choice (AD) (S)</p> <p>7.30 Britain's Top 100 Dogs Live: 2019 Ben Fogle and Sara Cox count down the nation's favourite dog breeds, with the top 10 decided by a public vote. Plus, heartwarming dog-related stories from across the country See What to watch (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Channel 4 News (S)</p> <p>8.00 The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds The children experience success and failure. Last in the series (AD) (S)</p>	<p>7.00 Hotel Inspector: Checking in, Checking Out Alex Polizzi revisits The Swan in Norfolk. Last in the series (S)</p> <p>8.00 Britain's Parking Hell Huddersfield residents protest against parking problems caused by football matches (S)</p>
<p>9.00 Silent Witness Part two of two. Jack works alongside a journalist from Northern Ireland (AD) (S)</p>	<p>9.00 Icons: The Greatest Person of the 20th Century Four of the 20th century's greatest artists and writers See What to watch (AD) (S)</p>		<p>9.00 24 Hours in A&E A 35-year-old is rushed to St George's struggling to breathe (AD) (S)</p>	<p>9.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild A man who lives in a remote area of Brazil near the Amazon river. Last in the series (S)</p>
<p>10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) 10.30 Regional News; Weather (S) 10.45 Danny Dyer's Right Royal Family Part one of two. Danny Dyer uncovers more about the lives of his royal and noble ancestors (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>11.45 Stacey Dooley Investigates: Young Sex for Sale in Japan 12.45 - 6.00am News</p>	<p>10.00 Mock the Week With guests Tom Allen, Ed Byrne, Rhys James, Milton Jones and Deborah Frances-White (R) (S) 10.30 Newsnight (S)</p> <p>11.15 Imagine: Growing Old Disgracefully – Diana Athill 12.15am Hospital 1.15 Sign Zone: Nile: Earth's Great Rivers 2.15 Sign Zone: The Farmers' Country Showdown 3.00 - 6.00am This Is BBC Two</p>	<p>10.00 News; Weather (S) 10.30 Regional News; Weather (S) 10.45 Bradley Walsh & Son: Breaking Dad The actor and his son Barney embark on the final leg of their journey. Last in the series (AD) (R) (S)</p> <p>11.10 Cleaning Up 12.10am Tenable 1.00 Jackpot247 3.00 Loose Women 3.45 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show</p>	<p>10.00 Catastrophe Sharon comes face to face with her mum's new man See What to watch (AD) (S) 10.35 Naked Attraction (AD) (R) (S) 11.35 SAS: Who Dares Wins 12.30am Hunted 1.25 How to Lose Weight Well 2.20 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb 3.15 Come Dine with Me 4.10 Jamie's Quick & Easy Food 4.40 The £100k Drop 5.35 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free 5.50 - 6.30am Countdown</p>	<p>10.00 65 Stone & House Trapped A man who paid the ultimate price for his obesity (R) (S) 11.05 No Fatties Allowed 12.05am 100 Stone & On the Dole 1.00 Teleshopping 1.30 Teleshopping 2.00 Teleshopping 2.30 Teleshopping 3.00 Access 3.10 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun 4.00 Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink 4.45 House Doctor 5.10 Divine Designs 5.35 - 6.00am Wildlife SOS</p>

Film choice



Polar (2019)
NETFLIX, STREAMING NOW ★★★

◆ Mads Mikkelsen has made an art of cold, implacable brutality, with villainous turns in *Casino Royale* and TV's *Hannibal*. In this lively Netflix film, based on Victor Santos's graphic novel, he plays retired assassin Duncan Vizla, enjoying his chilly solitude until his former bosses send a young hit-squad to finish him off. Vanessa Hudgens, Matt Lucas and Richard Dreyfuss are among the cast.



Shenandoah (1965)
SSPIKE, 2.40PM ★★★

◆ James Stewart plays Charlie Anderson, a wealthy farmer from Shenandoah, Virginia, who finds himself embroiled in the American Civil War. He at first refuses to become involved, but when his son is taken prisoner, his view changes. Andrew V McLaglen's rugged outdoor drama is more than a family tale; its focus on the human costs of war resonated as the Vietnam conflict dragged on.



Virginia City (1940, b/w)
TCM, 6.30PM ★★★

◆ In this earlier American Civil War film, Union officer Kerry Bradford (Errol Flynn) learns of a plot to send \$5 million in gold to fund the Southern cause, while finding himself – what are the chances? – stuck on a stagecoach with a femme fatale (Miriam Hopkins) and a famous outlaw (Humphrey Bogart). The plotting is an implausible mess, but there are plenty of guns and horses. Randolph Scott co-stars.

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<p>FV 9 FS 173 SKY 116 VIRGIN 107</p> <p>7.00 pm Beyond 100 Days 7.30 Pubs, Ponds and Power: The Story of the Village See What to watch</p> <p>8.00 The Incredible Human Journey</p> <p>9.00 Kate Humble: Living with Nomads</p> <p>10.00 Snowdonia – A Year in the Wild</p> <p>11.00 Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities</p> <p>12.00 The Brits Who Built the Modern World</p> <p>1.00 am Freud: Genius of the Modern World</p> <p>2.00 - 3.00am The Incredible Human Journey</p>	<p>FV 10 FS 115 SKY 119 VIRGIN 117</p> <p>11.35 am Rising Damp 12.05 pm George and Mildred 12.40 Heartbeat</p> <p>1.45 Classic Emmerdale 2.15 Classic Emmerdale 2.50 Classic Coronation Street 3.20 Classic Coronation Street 3.55 Midsomer Murders 6.00 Heartbeat 7.00 Murder, She Wrote 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.00 DCI Banks 11.00 DCI Banks 12.05 am Agatha Christie's Poirot 2.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 - 6.00am Teleshopping</p>	<p>FV 24 FS 117 SKY 120 VIRGIN 118</p> <p>11.25 am The Professionals 12.30 pm The Avengers</p> <p>1.35 Kojak 2.40 Quincy ME 3.40 Minder</p> <p>4.50 The Professionals 5.50 The Sweeney 6.55 The Chase: Celebrity Special 8.00 Bad Move 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 FILM: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) Thriller 12.35 am Car Crash Global: Caught on Camera</p> <p>1.35 Lethal Weapon 2.25 The Protectors 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 - 4.30am ITV4 Nightscreen</p>	<p>SKY 106 VIRGIN 110</p> <p>Noon NCIS: Los Angeles 1.00 pm Hawaii Five-0 2.00 Hawaii Five-0 3.00 S.W.A.T. 4.00 Modern Family 5.00 The Simpsons 5.30 Futurama 6.00 Futurama 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 A League of Their Own 9.00 Living the Dream 10.00 A League of Their Own: European Road Trip 11.00 The Russell Howard Hour 12.00 The Force: North-East 1.00 am Hawaii Five-0 2.00 Hawaii Five-0 3.00 - 4.00am A League of Their Own</p>	<p>SKY 108</p> <p>Noon House 1.00 pm Without a Trace 2.00 Blue Bloods 3.00 The West Wing 4.00 The West Wing 5.00 House 6.00 House 7.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Escape at Dannemora 10.05 True Detective 11.20 Game of Thrones 12.35 am Unseen 2.10 Dexter 3.15 Entourage 3.50 - 4.05am Oscars 2019: Nominations Special</p>	<p>FV 15 FS 300 SKY 313 VIRGIN 428</p> <p>11.00 am The Duel at Silver Creek (1952) Western 12.35 pm The Way to the Stars (1945, b/w) Second World War drama with John Mills 2.45 The Cockleshell Heroes (1955) Second World War drama starring Jose Ferrer 4.40 The Bridges at Toko-Ri (1954) Adventure 6.50 First Daughter (2004) Comedy with Katie Holmes 9.00 The Wolverine (2013) Superhero adventure spin-off starring Hugh Jackman 11.25 The Grey (2011) Adventure starring Liam Neeson</p> <p>1.40 - 4.00am Alien 3 (1992) Sci-fi thriller sequel</p>	<p>FV 20 FS 158 SKY 143 VIRGIN 130</p> <p>Noon The Bill 1.00 pm Classic EastEnders 1.40 Classic EastEnders 2.20 London's Burning 3.20 Boon 4.25 Lovejoy 5.25 Birds of a Feather 6.05 Fresh Fields 6.40 Bread 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine 8.00 Judge John Deed 10.00 New Tricks 11.00 Silent Witness 1.10 am The Bill 2.25 Boon 3.15 - 4.00am Birds of a Feather</p>

<p>ITV2</p> <p>11.15am Dress to Impress 12.15pm Emmerdale 12.45 Coronation Street 1.45 The Ellen DeGeneres Show 2.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show 4.55 Take Me Out 6.10 Take Me Out – The Gossip 7.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 8.00 Two and a Half Men 8.30 Superstore 9.00 Hell's Kitchen. The chefs are tasked with recreating five dishes by Chef Ramsay, but one team member has to leave the kitchen every couple of minutes until it is one chef standing 10.00 Celebrity Juice 11.05 Family Guy 12.00 American Dad! 12.55am Two and a Half Men 1.25 Superstore 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.20-5.50am Teleshopping</p>	<p>More4</p> <p>11.05am Car SOS 12.05pm Time Team 2.15 Come Dine with Me 4.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 5.55 The Supertv 6.55 Car SOS 7.55 Grand Designs 9.00 Animal Airport 10.00 Sarah Millican: Chatterbox Live 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10am 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.15 Animal Airport 3.15-3.55am 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Noon American Pickers 1.00pm Top Gear 3.00 Timber Kings 4.00 Jay Leno's Garage 5.00 Top Gear 7.00 The Hurtling: Even Hurtler 8.00 James May's Cars of the People 9.00 Live at the Apollo. Danny Bhoj hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Miles Jupp and Lee Nelson 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Qi 12.20am Mock the Week 1.00 Qi 2.25 Mock the Week 3.00 Hoff the Records 3.35-4.00am The Indestructibles</p> <p>Sky Sports Main Event</p> <p>Noon Transfer Centre 7.00pm Soccer Special Pre-Match 7.30 Gillette Soccer Special. Julian Warren introduces pre-match reports and news of all tonight's goals as they go in, while</p>	<p>studio guests keep an eye on the big games and talking points 10.30 Transfer Centre 1.00am Live WWE Late Night Smackdown. Spectacular wrestling action with the over-the-top stars of the States 3.00-6.00am Transfer Centre</p> <p>Sky Sports Premier League</p> <p>Noon Best PL Goals 1999/2000 1.00pm Premier League Years 3.00 PL Best Goals 01/02 4.00 PL Greatest Games 5.00 Premier League 100 Club 6.00 Best PL Goals: Manchester Derby 6.30 Best PL Goals: Man Utd v Newcastle 7.00 PL Greatest Games 7.30 Gillette Soccer Special 10.30 Match Choice 11.00 Premier League Highlights 1.30am Premier League Years 3.30-6.00am Premier League Highlights</p> <p>BT Sport 1</p> <p>8.00am Live WTA Tennis. Action from day two of the Thailand Open in Hua Hin, Thailand 4.00pm The Emirates FA Cup Highlights 4.30 Test Cricket Highlights 6.30 Premier League Match Pack 7.00 Premier League Preview 7.30 Live Premier League Newcastle United v Manchester City (kick-off 8.00pm) See What to watch 10.30 The Emirates FA Cup Highlights 11.00 What I Wore 11.15 Sport in Focus: Rio</p>	<p>meets Luiz 11.30 The Emirates FA Cup Highlights 12.00 Live College Basketball 2.00-4.00am Live College Basketball</p> <p>History</p> <p>Noon Forged in Fire 1.00pm American Pickers 2.00 Pawn Stars 3.00 Storage Wars 5.00 Forged in Fire 7.00 American Pickers 8.00 The Search for the Tesla Files 9.00 Alcatraz Escape: The Lost Evidence 11.00 Ancient Aliens 12.00 The Curse of Oak Island 1.00am Pawn Stars 2.00-4.00am Forged in Fire</p> <p>Sky Arts</p> <p>Noon The Seventies 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected 2.00 At-Issue 2.10 Andrea Bocelli: Love in Portofino 4.00 The Directors 5.00 Discovering: Peter Lorre 6.00 Discovering: Maximilian Schell 7.00 The Seventies. The effect of shifting gender roles and the relaxing of censorship 8.00 Queen – Hungarian Rhapsody: Live in Budapest. A 1986 concert by the rock band recorded at Neptstadion in Budapest, Hungary, during their Magic Tour, which was the last to feature vocalist Freddie Mercury 10.00 The Nineties 11.00 Cream: Music Icons 11.30 Ray Charles: Music Icons 12.00 Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark 2.00am The Seventies 3.00-4.00am Too Young to Die</p>	<p>Sky Cinema Premiere</p> <p>24 hours, including at: 11.15am Higher Power (2018) Sci-fi thriller starring Ron Eldard 12.50pm The Last Movie Star (2017) Drama starring Burt Reynolds 2.40 Beast of Burden (2018) Premiere. Crime drama starring Daniel Radcliffe 4.15 Isle of Dogs (2018) Animated adventure with the voice of Bryan Cranston 6.00 The Leisure Seeker (2017) Drama starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland 8.00 A Quiet Place (2018) A family is forced to live in silence while hiding from monsters with hypersensitive hearing. Horror starring Emily Blunt and John Krasinski 9.45 Beast of Burden (2018) Premiere. A man is coerced into delivering illegal cargo while piloting his aircraft, and also simultaneously tries to salvage his marriage. Crime drama starring Daniel Radcliffe 11.25 Unsane (2018) Horror starring Claire Foy 1.20am Who We Are Now (2017) Drama starring Julianne Nicholson and Zachary Quinto 3.15-5.00am I See You (2018) Horror thriller starring Zach Dulin</p> <p>PBS America</p> <p>10.55am The War 12.10pm Wellington: The Iron Duke Unmasked 1.35 Egypt's Golden Empire 2.50 Sean Bean on Waterloo 3.55 The War 5.10 Wellington: The Iron Duke Unmasked</p>	<p>6.30 Egypt's Golden Empire 7.45 Gunpowder Plotters: In Their Own Words 9.00 Sean Bean on Waterloo 10.10 The War 11.25 Gunpowder Plotters: In Their Own Words 12.50am Sean Bean on Waterloo 2.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p> <p>TCM</p> <p>24 hours, including at: 10.55am The Cowboys (1972) Western starring John Wayne 1.30pm Billy Two Hats (1973) Western with Gregory Peck 3.35 The Night of the Generals (1967) Second World War mystery starring Peter O'Toole 6.30 Virginia City (1940, b/w) Western starring Errol Flynn See Film choice 9.00 Swordfish (2001) A computer hacker is recruited by a former anti-terrorist agent to embezzle millions of dollars from the US government. Thriller with John Travolta, Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry 11.10 Hard to Kill (1990) Revenge thriller starring Steven Seagal, Kelly LeBrock and Bill Sadler 1.10am Conspiracy Theory with Jesse Ventura 3.00-6.00am Hollywood's Best Film Directors</p> <p>GOLD</p> <p>Noon 2point4 Children 12.40pm My Family 1.20 Are You Being Served? 2.00 Only Fools and Horses 2.40 Gavin & Stacey 3.20 2point4 Children 4.00</p>	<p>Last of the Summer Wine 6.00 Are You Being Served? 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 Gavin & Stacey 9.20 Only Fools and Horses. Del and Rodney mourn Grandad's death 10.00 My Favourite Sketch 11.00 Harry Enfield and Chums 11.40 Peep Show 12.15am The Young Ones' 20 Greatest Moments 1.20 The Young Ones 2.50-4.00am Harry Hill's TV Burp</p> <p>Yesterday</p> <p>Noon Time Team 2.00pm Wild Africa 3.00 Earth's Greatest Spectacles 4.00 Forbidden History 5.00 Impossible Engineering 6.00 Narrow Escapes of World War Two 7.00 Full Steam Ahead 8.00 Impossible Engineering. A look onboard the Black Pearl yacht 9.00 The Two Ronnies 10.55 Porridge 1.00am Narrow Escapes of World War Two 2.00 Ancient Black Ops 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping</p> <p>Discovery</p> <p>Noon Wheeler Dealers 1.00pm Combat Dealers 2.00 Deadliest Catch 3.00 Mighty Ships 4.00 Gold Divers 5.00 Gold Rush 6.00 Fast N' Loud 7.00 Supertrucks 8.00 Gold Rush 10.00 Gold Rush: White Water 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 12.00 Gold Rush 1.00am Wheeler Dealers 2.00 Gold Rush: White Water 3.00 Gold Rush 3.50-4.40am Gold Divers</p>
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Day 9	Cádiz, Spain
Day 11	Vigo, Spain
Day 12	Avilés, Spain
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SEPTEMBER 2019

Fri 6	Embark <i>Boudicca</i> and depart Dover
Sat 7	<i>Cruising the River Seine</i> Rouen, France (arrive early pm – overnight)
Sun 8	Rouen, France (depart early pm) <i>Cruising the River Seine</i>
Mon 9	Relaxing at sea
Tue 10	La Pallice (for La Rochelle), France
Wed 11 - Thu 12	Bordeaux, France (overnight) <i>Boudicca</i> will conveniently dock in the heart of beautiful Bordeaux. Step off the gangway and you're in the city, making it so easy to discover landmarks such as the Grand Theatre and Place de la Bourse. The 'City of Art and History' is also home to some 362 monuments
Fri 13	Lorient, France (arrive late am)
Sat 14	Relaxing at sea
Sun 15	Arrive in Dover

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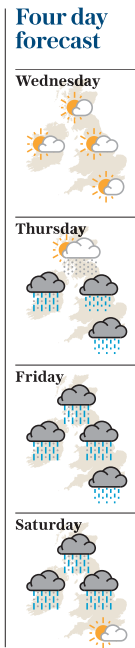
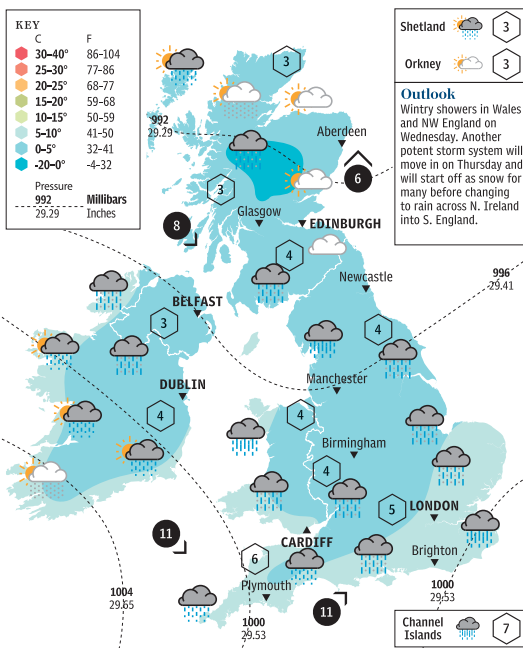
Weather and crosswords

Forecast

General situation

Rain will change to snow across Wales, Midlands and N England during the day, while changing over during the late-afternoon and evening commute around London and SE England. Travel will be difficult.

◆ **London, Cent S England, Channel Is, SW England, E England, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands:** Rain will change to snow in the afternoon and linger into the evening in the east. Minor accumulation expected. A light SW wind. Max 37-43F (3-6C). Min 27-37F (-3 to 3C).
◆ **NW Scotland, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, W Isles, SE Scotland, NE Scotland, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray, Firth, Orkney, Shetland:** Wintery showers today and tonight in the west. A moderate W wind. Max 28-43F (-2 to 6C). Wintery showers tonight. Min 18-32F (-8 to 0C).
◆ **Wales:** Rain to snow today. A moderate W wind. Max



European readings

	Max	Min	Daytime		Max	Min	Daytime		Max	Min	Daytime
	°C	°C	°C		°C	°C	°C		°C	°C	°C
Akrotiri	16	9	p/cldy	Frankfurt	4	0	snow	Oslo	-5	-8	snow
Alicante	20	9	sunny	Funchal	18	14	cloudy	Palermo	14	12	p/cldy
Amsterdam	6	3	showers	Gdansk	2	0	cloudy	Paris	6	1	p/cldy
Athens	15	5	p/cldy	Geneva	4	-1	snow	Perpignan	10	3	showers
Barcelona	15	6	sunny	Gibraltar	15	8	sunny	Prague	3	0	p/cldy
Bari	15	5	showers	Hamburg	4	1	rain	Reykjavik	-1	-6	flurry
Belgrade	7	2	p/cldy	Helsinki	-6	-19	snow	Rhodes	16	9	p/cldy
Benidorm	19	9	sunny	Innsbruck	4	-4	snow	Riga	-4	-9	snow
Bergen	-2	-7	sunny	Istanbul	11	7	sunny	Rome	12	7	cloudy
Berlin	5	1	p/cldy	Kiev	-4	-12	flurry	Saint Malo	9	5	showers
Biarritz	11	7	rain	La Rochelle	10	4	showers	Salzburg	4	-3	snow
Bodrum	16	6	p/cldy	Lisbon	14	9	p/cldy	Santiago	12	8	rain
Bordeaux	10	5	cloudy	Locarno	11	1	sunny	Santiago/Comp.	10	7	showers
Brest	9	5	rain	Luxembourg	2	0	snow	Sofia	6	-5	p/cldy
Brussels	5	2	snow	Madrid	14	0	p/cldy	St. Petersburg	-11	-17	snow
Bucharest	-2	-3	cloudy	Majorca	16	8	windy	Stockholm	1	-3	snow
Budapest	-2	-1	ice	Malaga	17	10	cloudy	Strasbourg	4	1	snow
Cagliari	13	8	cloudy	Malta	15	12	p/cldy	Tenerife	21	16	p/cldy
Chamonix	-1	-6	snow	Marseille	9	0	sunny	Tirana	15	5	rain
Copenhagen	4	-3	cloudy	Menorca	13	6	p/cldy	Toulouse	9	1	showers
Corfu	15	10	rain	Milan	11	0	sunny	Valencia	19	8	sunny
Cork	7	3	showers	Monaco	13	6	p/cldy	Venice	6	2	rain
Corsica	11	5	showers	Moscow	-7	-13	p/cldy	Vienna	4	-1	snow
Crete	16	8	p/cldy	Munich	3	1	snow	Vigo-O Castro	13	8	showers
Dublin	6	0	cloudy	Naples	13	9	cloudy	Vilnius	-4	-8	snow
Dubrovnik	14	9	rain	Nice	13	6	p/cldy	Warsaw	2	-3	cloudy
Faro	17	10	p/cldy	Nicosia	16	6	p/cldy	Zagreb	3	0	rain
Florence	12	5	showers	Oporto	13	9	showers	Zurich	2	-1	snow



World readings

	Max	Min	Daytime		Max	Min	Daytime		Max	Min	Daytime
	°C	°C	°C		°C	°C	°C		°C	°C	°C
Accra	32	26	p/cldy	Damascus	12	3	p/cldy	New Orleans	18	5	p/cldy
Addis Ababa	27	7	sunny	Dar es Salaam	30	25	cloudy	New Delhi	20	6	p/cldy
Algeria	26	15	sunny	Dhaka	28	18	p/cldy	New York	3	-4	sunny
Alexandria	17	12	sunny	Dubai	31	19	sunny	Ottawa	-19	-25	p/cldy
Algiers	16	7	windy	Falkland Is.	16	9	p/cldy	Perth	39	12	sunny
Amman	8	4	showers	Harare	27	16	p/cldy	Port-of-Spain	29	23	p/cldy
Anchorage	0	-1	snow	Havana	20	18	p/cldy	Rio de Janeiro	33	26	sunny
Ankara	8	-3	sunny	Hong Kong	22	15	sunny	Riyadh	26	17	windy
Antananarivo	28	25	p/cldy	Honolulu	21	19	sunny	San Francisco	13	10	p/cldy
Auckland	16	20	p/cldy	Jakarta	29	24	p/cldy	Seattle	35	16	sunny
Bahamas	25	22	p/cldy	Jeddah	28	22	storms	Seoul	4	-4	sunny
Bahrain	28	20	p/cldy	Jerusalem	8	4	showers	Seychelles	29	24	showers
Bangkok	32	21	sunny	Johannesburg	23	13	p/cldy	Singapore	29	25	showers
Beijing	8	-7	sunny	Kabul	8	-8	sunny	Sydney	28	23	storms
Beirut	15	10	showers	Karachi	25	12	p/cldy	Taipei City	22	11	sunny
Bermuda	22	21	p/cldy	Kolkata	22	16	p/cldy	Tangier	15	10	p/cldy
Bogota	20	8	rain	Kuala Lumpur	32	25	rain	Tel Aviv	16	9	showers
Bridgetown	29	25	p/cldy	La Paz	10	5	p/cldy	Tokyo	14	4	windy
Brisbane	33	22	sunny	Lahore	18	4	sunny	Toronto	-14	-19	snow
Buenos Aires	34	24	p/cldy	Lima	30	23	cloudy	Tunis	14	8	p/cldy
Cairo	19	8	sunny	Los Angeles	17	10	p/cldy	Vancouver	6	0	cloudy
Canberra	29	18	cloudy	Maldives	31	28	p/cldy	Washington	4	-1	p/cldy
Cape Town	32	20	sunny	Manila	28	23	p/cldy	Wellington	24	19	windy
Casablanca	17	9	p/cldy	Marrakesh	20	8	p/cldy	Winnipeg	-19	-21	flurry
Chicago	1	-12	snow	Melbourne	35	14	sunny				
Christchurch	25	17	sunny	Miami	16	11	p/cldy				
Colombo	31	24	p/cldy	Montego Bay	31	25	showers				
				Mumbai	30	20	sunny				
				Nairobi	28	17	haze				

Nature notes

Mild climes make spring leap ahead

Spring has sprung up to five months early in some parts of the UK thanks to unseasonably warm weather. Birds and flowers have made early appearances, with more than 64 sightings of spring activity since November, the Woodland Trust says. A tortoiseshell butterfly was spotted at Christmas in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, along with a red-tailed bumblebee in Somerset – both at least three months ahead of schedule. The song thrush has also been heard in 11 locations since December, according to reports made to the trust's annual Nature's Calendar project. Mild weather seems to have temporarily brought insects out of hibernation, with average temperatures for November and December more than 1.8F above the 1981-2010 long-term average. But with a potential cold snap imminent, more delicate species could suffer. *Samantha Herbert*

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6	2	
	25	21
22		18

To play Sujiko, enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the total in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding squares. Today's solutions appear tomorrow.

Suguru NO 585

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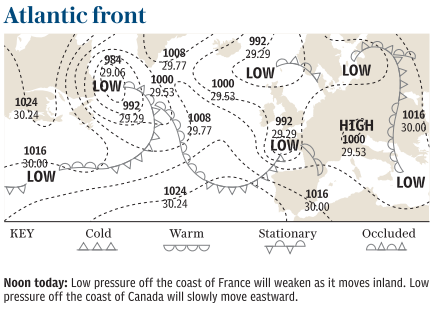
The aim of Suguru is to fill the grid so that no same digit is touching. A two-cell outlined block contains the digits 1 and 2; a three-cell block contains 1, 2, 3; and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.

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British readings

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max/Min °C	Daytime weather		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max/Min °C	Daytime weather		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max/Min °C	Daytime weather		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max/Min °C	Daytime weather				
Aberdeen	4.9	0.13	2	1	p/cldy	Chester	5.7	0.00	6	2	p/cldy	Isles of Scilly	3.0*	0.24	10	6	showers	Ramsgate	7.3	0.00	6	2	sunny
Aberystwyth	6.2*	Trace	7	0	p/cldy	Conventry	6.9*	0.00	4	0	sunny	Jersey	4.3	Trace	8	6	cloudy	Rhyl	6.1*	Trace	6	3	p/cldy
Antrim	3.1	0.04	6	0	showers	Doncaster	7.4	0.00	4	0	sunny	Keswick	6.0*	0.00	4	-2	p/cldy	Rugby	6.8*	0.00	4	0	sunny
Aviemore	5.2*	Trace	3	-2	flurry	Dover	5.9*	0.00	6	1	p/cldy	King Gardens	7.1*	0.00	6	0	sunny	Salisbury	6.8*	0.00	6	0	sunny
Barnstaple	5.4*	0.00	8	5	p/cldy	Dundee	6.7	0.00	5	0	sunny	Kew's Lynn	5.4*	0.00	5	0	p/cldy	Scunthorpe	5.6*	0.00	4	0	p/cldy
Barrow-in-Furns.	5.8*	0.00	6	1	p/cldy	Eastbourne	6.8	0.00	6	1	sunny	Leeds	5.8*	0.00	4	0	p/cldy	Sheffield	6.6*	0.00	4*	0*	sunny
Basingstoke	7.5	0.00	5	0	sunny	Edinburgh	6.8	0.00	5	-1	sunny	Leek	6.8*	0.00	3	-2	sunny	Shetland	4.7*	0.02	3	1	flurry
Bedford	6.7*	0.00	4	0	sunny	Epsom	5.1*	0.00	4	0	p/cldy	Leominster	4.0	0.00	6	1	cloudy	Shrewsbury	5.0	0.00	6	0	p/cldy
Belfast	2.5*	0.02*	7*	1*	showers	Falmouth	0.5*	0.16	8	4	showers	Lincoln	7.9	0.50	5	1	sunny	Skewness	5.5*	Trace	5	0	p/cldy
Berwick	6.9	Trace	4	0	sunny	Farnborough	5.1*	0.00	6	1	p/cldy	Liverpool	5.7	Trace	6	2	p/cldy	Southampton	7.0*	0.00	7	2	sunny
Birmingham	5.1*	0.00	4	1	p/cldy	Fort William	5.1*	0.01	3	-5	flurry	London	7.0	0.00	6	2	sunny	Southend-on-Sea	7.6	0.00	6	1	sunny
Bodmin	2.5*	0.08	9	3	cloudy	Glasgow	5.6*	0.01	6	-1	p/cldy	Manchester	7.6	0.00	5	0	sunny	Stockport	7.6	0.00	5	0	sunny
Bournemouth	6.1	0.00	8	0	p/cldy	Great Malvern	5.6*	0.00	7	-1	p/cldy	Middlesbrough	6.8*	0.20	3	0	sunny	Stornoway	1.1	0.09	5	0	showers
Braintree	6.8*	0.00	5	1	sunny	Grimsby	6.1*	0.00	4	1	p/cldy	Newcastle	5.1*	0.00	3	-1	p/cldy	Swansea	6.5*	0.00	7	3	p/cldy
Brecon	6.6*	0.01	6	-1	sunny	Gurnsey	0.4*	Trace	8	6	cloudy	Newquay	1.0	0.32	8	6	showers	Swindon	6.7	0.00	6	0	sunny
Bridlington	5.6*	0.58	5	1	p/cldy	Hereford	5.5*	0.00	6	0	p/cldy	Nottingham	7.9	0.00	4	0	sunny	Thirsk	5.0*	0.00	5	1	p/cldy
Brighton	6.8*	0.00	6	0	sunny	High Wycombe	5.9*	0.00	4	0	p/cldy	Orkney	0.9	0.05	3	0	showers	Tiree	4.2*	0.12	6	3	showers
Bristol	5.0*	0.00	6*	0*	p/cldy	Holyhead	2.3	0.01	7	3	cloudy	Oxford	7.2	0.00	6	0	sunny	Weymouth	5.7*	0.00	8	4	p/cldy
Cardiff	1.0	0.32	8	6	showers	Huddersfield	5.8*	0.00	2	-1	p/cldy	Perth	7.0*	0.00	5	-1	sunny	Whitehaven	5.2*	0.00	4	1	p/cldy
Cardombe	3.8	Trace	7	0	cloudy	Ipswich	5.0	Trace	4	0	p/cldy	Peterborough	7.8	0.00	4	-1	sunny	Windermere	6.1*	0.00	5	0	p/cldy
Carlisle	6.6*	0.00	5	-1	sunny	Isle of Man	3.1	Trace	7	3	cloudy	Plymouth	3.6*	0.00	9	2	cloudy	Worcester	6.0*	0.00	7	-1	p/cldy
Catterick	5.0	0.00	5	-2	p/cldy	Isle of Skye	5.1*	0.17	4*	0*	showers	Portsmouth*	6.7*	0.00*	7*	3*	sunny	Yeovil	6.6	0.00	7	2	sunny
Cheltenham	7.0*	0.00	6	0	sunny	Isle of Wight	6.2*	0.00	7	2	p/cldy	Prestwick	3.5	0.01	7	-2	showers	York	5.6*	0.00	5	0	p/cldy



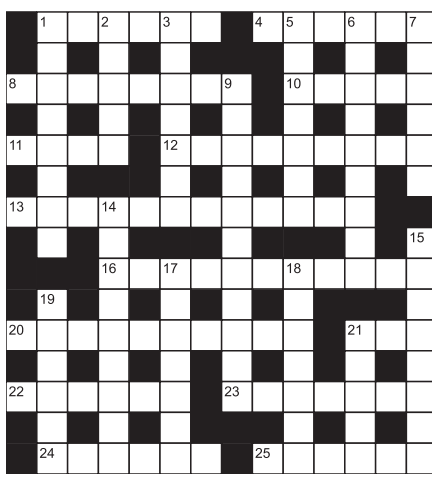
Noon today: Low pressure off the coast of France will weaken as it moves inland. Low pressure off the coast of Canada will slowly move eastward.

Sun & moon (Greenwich)			
Sun rises	0745		
Sun sets	1645		
Moon rises	0213		
Moon sets	1155		
New moon	Feb 5		
Yesterday			
Warmest	Isles of Scilly 10C (50F)		
Coldest	Anaon -9C (16F)		
Wettest	Bridlington 0.58 in		
Sunniest	Lincoln 7.9 hr		
Lighting up			
Aberdeen	1629 to 0814		
Belfast	1657 to 0818		
Birmingham	1648 to 0753		
London	1645 to 0748		
Manchester	1646 to 0758		
Penzance	1710 to 0800		

High water
Aberdeen 0806 3.5m 2033 3.6m
Belfast 0546 3.0m 1803 3.2m
Cardiff 0649 9.9m 1319 9.8m
Dover 0510 5.8m 1754 5.4m
Falmouth 0548 3.5m 1827 3.3m
Harwich 0548 3.5m 1827 3.3m
Hull 0000 6.6m 1255 6.2m
Liverpool 0525 7.8m 1759 7.8m
London 0758 6.4m 2035 6.3m
Portsmouth 0557 4.2m 1824 3.9m
Southampton 0455 4.0m 1057 1.7m
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Sea forecast
A moderate southwesterly wind. Seas will be slight. Visibility will be poor at times.
Dover Strait, English Channel: A moderate south to southwesterly wind today. Seas will be smooth to slight. Visibility will be poor.
St. George's Channel: A fresh northwesterly wind today. Seas will be moderate. Visibility will be poor.
Irish Sea: A fresh northwesterly wind today. Seas will be slight. Visibility will be poor.

Crossword 28,960



- Across**
- Summary established after excavation (6)
 - Good person, simple on reflection, loses temper? (6)
 - Irritant that could make everyone strangely green (8)
 - Ranged around park (6)
 - Eager to behold Welsh saint? (4)
 - Not the calculating type, instinct about hesitation – and another? (10)
 - Unpredictably but properly entertaining start to rowboat race at sea (12)
 - Go over and back down again? (12)
 - Things given by old boy before booze-ups (10)
 - Lone duck seen chasing Spanish sun (4)
 - Solve or create first of two clues occasionally (6)
 - Observe detailed piece by art gallery (8)
 - Violently hurt by quiet bird (6)
 - Main songs? They're not heard by everybody (6)
- Down**
- Birth that might take 3-5 days (8)
 - Craving? Regularly gorge on ends of rye bread (5)
 - So horse, reportedly, that is right, gets wetter (7)
 - Engineer Joe and me succeeded, creating rules (7)
 - Description of friend holding gold plate (9)
 - Seat is prepared for rest of the afternoon? (6)
 - Fools new in company, politician has surprised expression (11)
 - Fish break into chippy (9)
 - The least dodgy sportspeople? (8)
 - Exchanges around whiskey and nuts (7)
 - Samples guinea pigs (7)
 - Complain – the thing is...? (6)
 - Stuffed, some diners ate dinner (5)

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